

HE WHO LIVES WITHOUT COMMITTING ANY FOLLY IS NOT SO WISE AS HE THINKS.—La Rochefoucauld

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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1963

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Two "Children Playing" signs have been installed on Upper Paradise Road.

The Five Town Teachers Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p. m. at Crescent Park School.

Wallace Saunders was taken to the Maine Medical Center, Portland, this Thursday morning where he is an observation patient.

Eddie Tibbets, a student at Northeastern University in Boston, spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Tibbets.

Miss Dixie Brown is enjoying a vacation from her studies at Farmington State Teachers College and is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown.

Sunday River Junior Ski Club will be represented in Farmington on Sunday when their racers enter the annual competitions for the Wes Marco trophy.

Miss Carol Young arrived home Monday night for a semester break from her studies at Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass. She will return to college on Sunday.

Purity Chapter, OES, will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 8 p. m. A program is planned honoring associate matrons and associate patrons.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Hamilton were in Boston on Tuesday of this week. Miss Linda Brown rode back with them, after enjoying a few day vacation from her studies at Burdett College.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hastings attended the Oxford County Day luncheon at Blaine Mansion in Augusta on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Leland Brown assisted in serving at the luncheon.

Kent Taylor, a member of the junior class at Bates College, Lewiston, was a guest last week end at the home of his mother, Mrs. George Taylor. Other guests at the Taylor home for the week end were: Miss Joan Tobey, Miss Eunice Janson, Miss Grace Seekens, Norman Gillespie, Robert Cauldwell, Martin Brinkman, Gary Seeken, all students at Bates College.

Mrs. Vance Richardson's Sixth Grade Sunday School Class at the West Parish Congregational Church enjoyed a swim at the indoor pool at Hebron Academy on Monday night. Those making the trip were: John Thurston, Seth Timberlake, Lincoln Fluke, Steve Hastings, Christopher Bailey, Raymond Baker, Peter Kallie, Mitchell Robertson, and Mrs. Richardson. Unable to make the trip was Michael Heino.

Miss Carolyn Chapman is spending a few days at the home of her parents in the Park. She will return to her studies at Nason College in Springfield next Monday. Airman Third Class Terence Gray of Mattapoisett, Mass., is also a guest at the Chapman home. Airman Gray has been stationed at the Amarillo Air Force Base in Amarillo, Tex., and is enjoying several days leave enroute to Germany where he expects to be stationed the next two years.

The Week in Oxford County

Plans are to open a Health and Welfare Center in Market Square, South Paris. It is sponsored by three Adventist Churches in the area. It will offer services to nearby communities. Classes in First Aid are in the plans.

Nearly 200 Boy Scouts attended the Abnaki District winter carnival in Norway Saturday.

A letter to a Maine daily paper from a Hebron resident, Gerald L. Saunders, urges Maine people to consider the relocation of the Boys Training Center to the site of the Western Maine Sanatorium in Hebron. Rep. Melville Chapman is making an effort in this direction.

Miss Susan Hutchins is confined to her home with the mumps.

Franklin S. Chapman is a surgical patient at the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Durgin of Belfast were guests last week end of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Grover.

Mrs. Abbie Brown left Wednesday for Brunswick where she will be a guest for a week at the home of her nephew and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Donnell and daughter, Katie, Orono, are guests this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Addison C. Saunders.

Mrs. Hazel Wheeler, a teacher in the Hodgkins School in Augusta, and her son, Michael Wheeler, a student at Cony High School, spent the week end at the Grover home.

Rev. C. W. Laws and Rev. Charles Nelson attended the annual convocation for ministers at the Hammond St. Congregational Church in Bangor, on January 28, 29 and 30.

The Sunday River Senior Ski Club oyster stew supper and meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9, instead of Feb. 2, as previously announced. Further details will be forthcoming in next week's paper.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Wright and daughter, Heidi, arrived from England Saturday. They are spending some time with Mr. Wright's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brown.

House guests of Mary Willard at her home on Paradise Hill for mid-term vacation at the University of Maine are: Steve Hurd, Hartford, Conn.; Ralph Hersey, Scarborough; and Cindy Gosselin, Waterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison C. Saunders will leave Friday morning to spend the week end in Canton, N. Y., visiting their son, Stephen, who is a student at St. Lawrence University in Canton.

Cool weather has continued another week, with a foot of "light" snow Sunday which was later distributed by the wind which usually follows. Days except Sunday have been pleasant, and colder weather is foreseen.

The next stated meeting of Purity Chapter, No. 102, OES, will be held at the Masonic Hall at 8 p. m. Feb. 6. Associate Matrons and Patrons of District 5 will be special guests for the evening. A program and refreshments will follow the meeting.

The following students arrived home last week end from the University of Maine, and are enjoying a mid-semester vacation at their respective homes: Nancy Cole, Mary Willard, Robert Felt, Timothy Carter, Linda Burris, Donald Angerville. They expect to return to Orono on Sunday to resume their studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Myers entertained the Couples Bridge Club at a party benefiting the March of Dimes on Saturday night. Prizes for high score went to Mr. and Mrs. Addison Saunders, second high prize to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Waldron and the consolation prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rowe.

Dr. Beryl Moore of Oxford was guest of honor at a birthday party Sunday evening at the Legion Hall, Oxford. She was presented gifts and money by the townspeople.

The annual fishing derby for the Paris Junior Sportsmen will be held on Norway Lake February 8th. Gift certificates will be awarded for the largest trout and pickerel.

Attorney Gordon M. Stewart, South Paris, is appointed chairman of the South Paris-Norway \$10,000,000 Bowdoin College Capital Campaign. The campaign is designed for the enrichment of the college to strengthen its role as one of the nation's leading liberal arts institutions.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

The budget committee meetings are getting underway and the discussions for the next few weeks will be the advisability of spending money for one project or another. With the cost of everything also going up, it is reasonable that the cost of operating and maintaining the municipal services of a community will also go up. I'm not implying that the regular municipal accounts are going to take a large increase but merely that some increases should be made so that the level of services and condition of equipment can be maintained.

I mentioned in last week's column that the conference on river pollution will be Feb. 5, in Portland. Anyone interested in the meeting can come in the office and read the notice from the State Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

There hasn't been an awful lot of snow yet this winter but there is still plenty of time. Not that I want any more but I don't doubt that we will get it anyway. We have been very fortunate so far about breakdowns with the plowing equipment. One of the big plows is 12 years old and another 17 years old. With trucks that old we have been lucky that neither has been tied up any length of time for repairs. I hope our luck continues.

I might mention now that anyone can register to vote anytime that the office is open.

The rate of excise tax payments has increased some and will be pretty steady from now to the end of February. For the convenience of some who might not know, the office is open from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. week days and from 9 a. m. until noon Saturday. Anyone who can't get to the office during those hours can call and I will make other arrangements for them to excise their vehicle.

Michael Houlihan

REV. BRADLEY ACCEPTS CONNECTICUT PASTORATE

Rev. Raymond H. Bradley Jr., pastor of Phillips Congregational Church since 1955, and of both Rangeley and Phillips Congregational Churches since 1958, tendered his resignation at the annual meetings Sunday. Rev. Bradley has accepted a call to serve the Andover, Conn., Congregational Church and will leave for his new pastorate in mid-April.

He was ordained at the Phillips church July 11, 1958, following his ordination in 1958, he married the former Sally Brown of Bethel. The Bradleys have two sons, Raymond, 3, and Richard, 1. They have made their home in the parsonage at Rangeley maintained by both churches.

This week's Citizen features a list of Bethel's taxpayers, over \$100, and second in the series of family histories in early Upton. Included also is the 28 page Oxford County Review which is well worth keeping.

Mrs. Richard Blake, Jr., entertained at a March of Dimes benefit card party at her home on Monday evening. Present were: Mrs. Robert Grotteau, Mrs. Eldon Greenleaf, Mrs. Clarence Howe, Mrs. Michael Houlihan, Mrs. Henry Swan, Mrs. Robert Tiffit, and the hostess.

Miss Margaret Nelson arrived home Wednesday for a few days' visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Nelson, at their home on Broad Street. Margaret is a member of the freshman class at Nason College. Bruce Fraser of Nason College and Syracuse, N. Y., is also a guest at the Nelson home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tebbets, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Stowell, Mr. and Mrs. Addison C. Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wight attended the winter meeting of the Wood Turners Service Bureau in Boston on Thursday and Friday of last week.

G. L. Kneeland, D. O. GENERAL PRACTICE Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted will be in Bethel Wednesday and Saturday Afternoons—2 to 4 Every Evening 6 to 8 Tel. 824-2535

BETHEL MARCH OF DIMES THIS THURSDAY EVENING

The annual "Mothers' March" in Bethel will be held this evening. Completion of the list of marchers has been delayed because of illness in the large group. After the march is completed the ladies will report at the home of Clifford Hillier.

Upper Paradise, Mrs. Ethel Robertson; Lower Paradise, Mrs. Reona Heino; Eden Lane, Mrs. Marie Brown; Evergreen Rd., Mrs. Norma Buck; Broad St., Mrs. Amy Davis; Chapman St., Mrs. Gene Buswell; Grafton Area, Mrs. Lawrence Bailey; Elm-Summer Sts., Mrs. Vance Richardson; Vernon St., Mrs. William Cousins, Mrs. John Currier; Northwest Bethel, Mrs. Edith Smith; Mason-Crescent, Mrs. Arlene Hamilton; Park St., Mrs. Hope Tibbets; Bridge St., Mrs. Barbara Godwin; Church St., Mrs. Jane Vogt; Steam Mill, Mrs. Mary Doen; Mrs. Connie Brown; Gilead, Mrs. Phyllis Barnes; Railroad St., Mrs. Barbara Brown; Mechanic St., Mrs. Marolyn Newell; Clark St., Mrs. Virginia Cole; Philbrook St., Mrs. Madeline Hunt.

CORRIGAU, GOULD ACE, WINS JODEAU TROPHY RACE AT SUNDAY RIVER

Despite heavy snow conditions, on Sunday, Jan. 27, 97 junior racers I and II, flashed down the Cascade Trail at the Sunday River Skiway, in the annual Sunday River Junior Giant Slalom. Due to the adverse conditions, both boys and girls ran the same course from the same starting gate. Although the race wasn't a team race, the three best times of the day were turned in by Gould Academy racers, led by Jim Corriveau, time of 77.9 seconds, and followed by Donald Young, 78.8 sec., and Peter Hubbard, 79.3 sec. Junior II boys field was captured by Farmington High ski ace Billy Clark. Clark, a freshman at Farmington turned in a time of 81.1 sec. Clark was closely followed in his class by Robert Kendall of Edward Little, 82.1 sec, and William Orr, Sugarloaf Ski Club, 84.1 sec.

Class I girls were led by Brooke Samuelson, Eastern Slope Ski Club, North Conway, N. H., with a time of 88.1 sec. Samuelson was closely followed by Mary Allen, Pleasant Mt. Ski Club, 90.8 sec., and third went to Buffy Bells of the Farmington Ski Club with a time of 91.1 sec.

Class II girls was won by Cathy Harrington, Mt. Mansfield Ski Club with a time of 88.5 sec., and followed by Peggy Nuff, Hanover, N. H., at 91.4.

The Mel Jodrey trophy is given each year in memory of the late Mel Jodrey, former interscholastic ski star and National Junior Champion. The trophy was presented to Corrieau for the fastest time of the one-run event by Mrs. Norma Jodrey, Bethel.

Dr. and Mrs. James Hudson and family of Fryeburg will move to the Bush home (formerly the Edward P. Lyon house) in the Park on Friday of this week. Dr. Hudson is conducting a veterinary practice in Bethel and is maintaining the office and small animal hospital formerly owned by Dr. S. S. Greenleaf. Dr. Hudson is presently living at the Edwards Homestead guest house on Main Street.

Mrs. Arthur Lincoln and Mrs. Stanley Davis entertained at a get-acquainted coffee honoring Mrs. John Frankiewicz last Friday morning. Those attending were: Mrs. Lincoln Fluke, Mrs. Beryl Manson, Mrs. Merton Conner, Mrs. John Young, Mrs. David Thompson, Mrs. Ralph Hall, Mrs. Gardner Brown, Mrs. Colwyn Haskell, Mrs. Rudolph Royer, Mrs. Kenneth Ramage, Mrs. Ronald Kendall, Mrs. Albert Buck and Nancy, Mrs. Charles Heino and Betsey Davis, the honor guest and the hostess.

GAME NIGHT Every Thursday at 8 p. m. COMMUNITY ROOM Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary

BADC Plans Fifth Annual Meeting

As announced last week in the Citizen, the Bethel Area Development Corporation will hold its Fifth Annual Meeting at the West Parish Congregational Church on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The ladies of the church will serve a banquet at 6:30 p. m. under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles Gorman.

Following the dinner, there will be a brief business session conducted by BADC President, Charles E. Heywood, and all present will be privileged to hear two important messages on the subject of community development. The speakers will be Sulo J. Tani who is Director of Research and Planning for the Maine Department of Economic Development and Maurice F. Williams, Maine Manager for the U. S. Small Business Administration. Both

of these men have a wide background in the field of governmental cooperation with private enterprise for economic improvement.

At the business meeting, the BADC members will elect five Directors to fill vacancies that occur on the fifteen-member Board this year. The Nominating Committee is composed of Kimball Ames, Chairman, Howard W. Cole and Dexter M. Stowell. Immediately following the general meeting, the entire Board of Directors will meet to elect the officers for the coming year and to appoint the Standing Committees.

Everyone in the Bethel Area is invited to attend both the Banquet and the Annual Meeting. Reservations should be made on or before Feb. 7 with Guy P. Butler, BADC Secretary. Just phone 824-2175.

Civil Defense Committee Plans Year

Several important items regarding financial requirements for the coming year were brought up at the recent regular meeting of the Bethel Civil Defense staff, held in the Selectmen's Room under the guidance of Director Steve Jacobs.

Before taking up the most important items, Director Jacobs gave the committee members a Program Paper and a sheet with information regarding a few changes in the Operations Plan for Bethel. Included in the latter were changes in the staff list which place Nor-

ris Brown as Operations Officer, Eugene Buswell as Chief of Reserve Police and William Cousins as Medical Administrative officer, while Lawrence Kendall replaces Bert Grover in the Oxford County Sheriff's department. It was also noted that "Reserve Police" is now the correct term for this group rather than "OD Police."

After some discussion, in which Fire Chief "Mush" McMillin acknowledged a need for such equipment, it was voted to place an article in the Town Warrant for the sum of \$3000 to purchase walkie-talkie radios and mobile unit receivers and transmitters for fire department use. These both have proved invaluable in times of fire, flood, or such emergency conditions as recently existed in Bangor; the tie-up of the fire department in Bethel with the Civil Defense needs should be obvious to all Bethel citizens; although the initial expense may seem rather large, its upkeep is next to nothing, while its value in cases of emergency cannot be quoted in dollars. Gene Buswell mentioned that the town of Norway was well pleased with similar equipment.

Several companies have expressed interest in placing equipment in Bethel. Demonstrations by such companies will undoubtedly follow if the sentiment expressed at the coming Town Meeting is favorable.

It was also voted to ask for the regular \$200 appropriation as was granted last year, and for an additional \$200 for an emergency fund to be used at the discretion of the Town Manager.

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1962 Bethel Taxes in Excess of \$100.00

Following is a list of Bethel taxpayers whose town taxes amounted to \$100 or more. Abatements have been granted from some of these figures. Veterans' and survivors' tax benefits do not appear on this list. In the town, property valued at \$110,690 in these categories, belonging to some 30 owners, was free of taxation.

Abbott, Mary L.	222.42
Abbott, J. Burton & Dorothy	167.80
Abbott, Stephen & Mabel	224.23
Ames, Kimball	292.37
Ames, Ruth Carver	454.26
Anderson, Akel & Mabel	273.47
Angeline, Alberta	122.28
Angeline, Avery & Mary	460.08
Angeline, Ernest	128.80
Annis, Roland E. Jr. & Louise R.	156.85
Austin, Ava	392.26
Bailey, Bruce	210.33
Baker, Alphonse	144.44
Baker, Wilfred	581.89
Barker, Alice M.	312.26
Bartlett, Gertrude	140.53
Bartlett, Grace	305.87
Bartlett, Guy & Rose E.	170.82
Bartlett, Harold	146.17
Bartlett, James C. Heirs	219.00
Bartlett, Urban C.	597.40
Bean, Carter Lary, et al	421.07
Bean, Erlon S. & Mary C.	141.70
Bean, Harold L. & Edith M.	245.72
Bean, Maude	209.33
Bean, Richard & Dorothy	201.28
Bean, Robert F.	102.04
Bennett, Clarence, Heirs	516.48
Bennett, Donald A. & Joyce M.	162.82
Bennett, Edward E.	235.43
Bennett, Elmer	238.06
Bennett, Frances	302.22
Bennett's Garage, Inc.	1610.46
Bennett, Evelyn	718.76
Bennett, Herman	216.89
Bennett, Katherine	268.10
Bennett, Lynn K.	107.76
Bennett, R. M., Heirs	271.58
Bennoch, Wesley S. & Sally L.	182.77
Benson, Frank	276.11
Berry, Francis	213.24
Berry, Helen	115.71
Bethel Dowel Corp.	327.67
Bethel Inn	7356.75
Bethel Savings Bank	1309.26
Bickford, Wm. G. & Sally E.	165.61
Billings, Marjorie	101.29
Billings, Robert E. & Mary S.	129.21
Billings, Robert	569.20
Blascoe, Ethel	109.87
Blake, Clayton & Linora H.	140.61
Blake, Elizabeth	367.55

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Blake, E. G. & Lowell, Frank	592.76
Blake, Roy C. & Dorothy G.	972.00
Blodwell, Paul & Sally	205.84
Boyd, Andrew & Colleen F.	154.48
Boyer, Gertrude	238.71
Boynton, William H. & Ruth	920.17
Brooks, Clyde, Heirs	129.62
Brooks, Dana	348.20
Brooks Bros., Inc.	2481.80
Brooks, Donald	306.59
Brooks, Gerry	366.59
Brooks, Earl & Irving	160.87
Brown, Abbie	346.75
Brown's Variety Store	997.15
Brown, Alfred & Faith	207.77
Brown, Arnel R.	129.11
Brown, Carl	115.05
Brown, Donald	378.77
Brown, Elwin Jr. & Bernice	306.32
Brown, Euberto	259.88
Brown, Gardiner & Marie C.	445.38
Brown, E. Linwood	470.85
Brown, Geo. H. & Cornelia	150.46
Brown, Irving & Hilda	152.84
Brown, James L. & Beatrice	176.56
Brown, Leland	228.75
Brown, Mildred, Heirs	653.35
Brown, Norris	172.18
Brown, Richard	266.53
Brown, Ruth	251.85
Brown, Stanley L. & Althea S.	228.21
Brown, Sylvanus & Eva	352.22
Brown, Thomas L.	495.65
Bryant, Daisy	260.62
Bryant, Doris G.	1113.43
Bryant, Richard N.	1225.13
Buck, Albert	266.45
Buck, Albert W. & Norma F.	519.29
Buck, Ernest S.	601.16
Buck, Raymond O.	492.28
Burgess, Sumner & Lois S.	305.81
Burns, Eugene	162.69
Burns, Franklin E.	238.61
Burns, Ralph L.	1179.39
Burns, Thomas W., Heirs	244.92
Burwell, Eugene	378.22
Burwell, Lester	220.54
Byers, Mahel H.	208.60
Campbell, Violet	184.69
Carter, Edith H.	228.13
Carter, Edw. Augustus	118.23
Carter, Elizabeth M.	125.20
Carter, Frances A.	200.75
Carter, John W.	382.16
Carter, Paul A.	847.43
Carter Equipment Co.	995.64
Carter, T. Richard	993.80
Carver, Harold & Edda	584.08
Casco Bank & Trust Co.	310.25
Chaplin, Charles	397.55
Chadbourne, Philip H.	2241.47
Chadbourne, P. H. & Co.	11023.00
Chadbourne, Mary S.	329.60
Chadbourne, Philip H. & Mary B.	1000.36
Chapman, J. B.	1422.78
Chapman, Rosalind	170.09
Chapman, Wm. H.	362.80
Chapman, W. H., Estate	1767.84
Chase, Everett E. & Doris	275.65
Chase, Geo. H. & Ruth	174.00
Chase, Geo. H. S. & Helen E.	189.88
Chasen Printers Inc.	842.10
Clark, Marguerite	342.01
Clemons, Robert G. & Patricia	320.92
Clough, Emerson	225.51
Clough Millard F.	282.51
Cobb, James P. & Mary E.	243.72
Coburn, Jennie	229.22
Coburn, Grace	254.77
Cole, Howard & Virginia	425.49
Cole, Lewis & Minola	123.63
Conner's Garage	182.14
Conner, Merton & Ruth	203.76
Conrad, Beatrice B.	779.65
Conroy, Sylvia	236.52
Coolidge, Almon	311.05
Coolidge, Elton R.	227.80
Coolidge, Joan S.	114.07
Coolidge, Leland	118.34
Coolidge, Lester Jr.	169.44
Cotton, Albert	513.46
Coulombe, Ralph & Veronice	207.22
Crockett, Clayton	430.78
Crockett, Ethel M.	260.03
Cross, Donald & Ann	126.23
Cross, Gladys	188.52
Cross, Norton L. & Phyllis	208.77
Cross, Stuart	169.62
Crouse, Evelyn & Alta	117.17
Cummings, Arthur J.	123.46
Cummings, Irving A.	276.02
Currier, John H. & Gwendolyn U.	180.05
Curtis, Alfred E.	174.84
Davis, Earl & Elsie	466.01
Davis, L. E., Lumber Co.	2760.09
Davis, Richard & Rita	1181.61
Davis, Richard L.	1144.54
Davis, Robert & Pauline	164.33
Davis, Stanley	1147.56
Davis, Stanley & Margaret	484.89
Davis, Winona	162.06
Deegan, John & Mary	201.40
DeRoche, Phillip	116.09
Dock, Phyllis	416.47
Donahue, E. O. & Thida	102.87
Douglas, Fred L.	918.89
Dunn, Willis E., Heirs	531.26
Durrell, Mrs. Daniel T.	325.80
Dyke, Sidney A.	224.11
Eames, Rodney & Kathryn	161.78

Eames, Stella, & Heirs of Theodore	189.80
Emery, Walter, Heirs	133.59
Ernst, Fritz & Marguerite	1868.89
Eypper, Edith	126.83
Farrar, Charles A. & Susan B.	238.61
Farrar, Geo. D. & Helen B.	107.94
Faudt, Phillip & Muriel	267.99
Favreau, Roger	1496.25
Fiske, Lincoln & Suzanne	281.32
Foster, D. S. A. E.	382.89
Foster, Roger L. & Beatrice H.	200.47
Fraser, Donald & Doris	111.88
Freeman, Charles & Marjorie	237.51
Gallant, Peris	210.79
Gallant, Stanley & Barbara	279.98
Gajny, Thelma & Geraldine	144.56
Garber, Arthur	262.25
Gibbs, Guy & Madeline	267.68
Gibson, Frank A. & Thirza	106.22
Gilbert, Arthur & Ruth	120.64
Gilbert, Lona	138.16
Gilbert, Shirley & Marilyn	255.32
Gilnes, Herschel	467.75
Ginsler, Henry	631.17
Godwin, Oakley & Barbara	543.87
Gordon, Robert & Annie	195.11
Gorman, Charles	119.62
Gorman, Gardiner P.	380.23
Gould, Malcolm C. & Jessamine	266.17
Gould Academy	173.46
Grafton Lumber Co.	3865.17
Graves, W. Earle Jr. & Dorothy	2371.95
Greenleaf, John	261.93
Greenleaf, S. S. Dr.	224.19
Greenleaf Funeral Home	580.43
Greig, June	164.25
Greig, N. I. & J. B.	390.78
Grover, Frederick P. & Ruth B.	1015.69
Grover, Robert L. & Jane	351.18
Guernsey, Gladys	483.34
Gunther, Howard & Marie	361.17
Haines, Edward A. & Georgia	249.48
Haines, Fred	173.45
Haines, James K., Heirs	387.89
Hale, Norman & Dorothy	352.22
Hall, Fred & Gladys	158.80
Hall, Ralph & Marion	220.09
Hannover Dowel Co.	1008.21
Harrington, Chester & Arlene	4081.97
Harrington, John	227.47
Hastings, Henry H.	131.66
Hastings, Norma	367.81
Hastings, Robert D.	548.05
Hastings, Robert D. & Robert W.	1011.86
Hastings, Robert W. & Betty Ann	536.18
Head, Olive	254.12
Head, Paul B.	195.64
Head, Paul & Olive	686.46
Helms, Charles H. & Reona B.	144.54
Heywood, Charles & Gladys	194.62
Hicks, John S.	745.22
Holt, Donald R.	184.77
Hove, Rodney K.	193.25
Hunt, Mrs. Frank A.	380.04
Hunt, Frank A. Jr. & Madeline J.	250.39
Hutchins, Harlan & Gertrude	279.12
Hutchins, Lee & Virginia	270.10
Hutchinson, Alton & Irene	160.50
Hutchinson, Harry	176.48

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Jedrey, Arlan	325.58
Jedrey, Walter & Norma	169.30
Jedrey, Norma	200.75
Johnson, Gladys	226.48
Johnston, James J.	105.12
Jordan, Elmon & Ellen C.	285.79
Kalley, Paul & Jean	341.89
Kendall, Clayton E.	149.54
Kendall Dowel Mill, Inc.	1673.89
Kendall, Lawrence & Mary	169.25
Kendall, Maurice L. & Rebecca	202.38
Kendall, Ronald & Marguerite	286.89
Kilbittzer, August	341.54
Kilbittzer, Robert F.	548.67
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MAGALLOWAY

Mrs. Bessie Harvey, Correspondent. The Grange meeting at the Wilson's Mills town hall on Friday evening was well attended. Mrs. Marjorie Littlehale, the lecturer, had a fine program. After the meeting a fine lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bennett of Conway with their son, Bruce, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Gladys Bennett.

William Hooper of Colebrook who attends a college in New York is spending a short vacation with his grandfather, Ewen Cameron.

Gordon Garrow of Errol had the misfortune to break his ankle Saturday evening while unloading wood. He was taken to the Stewartstown Hospital.

A birthday party was given Mrs. Florence Adams Saturday evening at her home in Wilson's Mills.

Odian Turner has gone to Lebanon, N. H., to stay with his daughters for some time. His health is very poor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stranger of Berlin with their sons, Joey and Scott, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner, and family.

About eight inches of snow fell late Saturday night and Sunday and the wind blew hard Sunday night and Monday.

BRYANT POND

Mrs. Louise Foster, Correspondent

Lottie B. Hemingway is a patient at the Norway nursing home in Norway, where she was taken last week. Cards will reach her at 1 Tucker Street, Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald O. Hooper of Portland were guests this week end of Mrs. Bessie E. Billings at the Twitchell Farm.

Kathleen Twitchell arrived home Saturday for her mid-term vacation from the University of Maine, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Twitchell.

Kaye Ring, R. N., of Lewiston, was a week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Ring.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Cushman and Gregory of Lewiston, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cushman and family of Lisbon were

week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cushman.

Mrs. Anna Littlefield of the Davis nursing home at Norway, was a guest of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Irnie Robbins, this past week end.

A meeting of the Woodstock PTA was held in the high school auditorium, last Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. The attendance

banner was shared by the 4th and 5th grades. A committee was appointed to select a deserving person to whom a life membership will be awarded.

On this committee are: Lois Day, Rena Howe and Ruby Ring. Arnold McKinney, speaker of the evening, was presented by Ernest Packard. Mr. McKinney explained the fundamentals of square dancing and its direct appeal to both young

and old. He demonstrated the principles of the dance, with members of the group taking an active part. Refreshments were served following the meeting by Christine Campbell and Rita Abbott.

Wade Rainey of the USS Compass Island Training Ship E. A. G. was at home over the week end with his wife, and his mother, Mrs. Mirja Rainey.

Cyril Foster was a recent caller of his sister, Mrs. Clarence Cole. The Greenleafs of Norway called on Mrs. Cole, Sunday.

Edwin Ricker is a surgical patient at the Rumford Community Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles York and Linda Lee of North Paris were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Noyes Jr. and family.

Mrs. Sherbourne York was at

home over the week end from her duties at Pownal Training Center.

Michael Hathaway was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elden Hathaway, for a few days last week, after completing his mid-terms at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Susan Hathaway was at home for a few days last week, and upon return to Gorham State Teachers registered for her second semester there. She then traveled to Boston where she spent the week end with Michael Hathaway.

Edith Abbott was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennett of Locke Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tyler spent the week end at the Tyler camp in Byron, with Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Poland as their guests.

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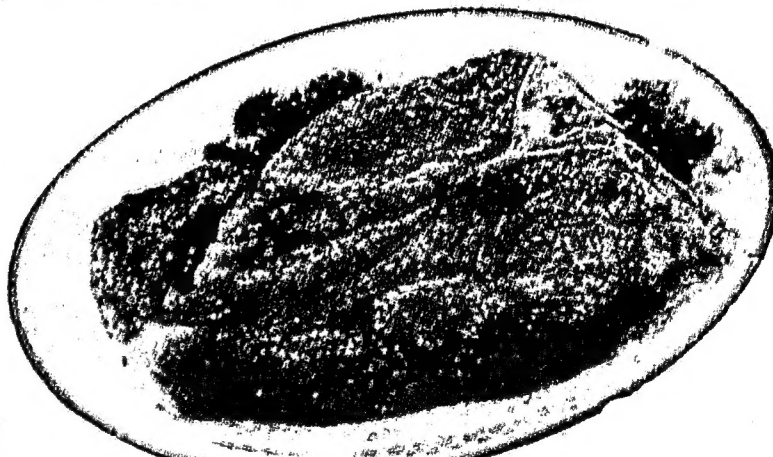
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Comment from the Capital —

19 ZNAMENSKY STREET
by Vani Neff

Russian Communism is 45 years old. Despite the Red record of double dealing and murder in less than half a century, some of our more farsighted citizens still believe Russia wants peace. It is this single belief that is the Kremlin's most powerful ally in the fight to turn the world Red.

What our long-hair idealists don't know about Russia and peace could bring all of us into the Communist camp. Russians consider peace and pacifism a sign of soft-headedness. There are no pacifists in Russia. Outside Red borders, however, Kremlin agents concentrate on infiltrating and controlling unions, communications, and peace movements. Red agents underlie the horrors of nuclear war, then offer Communism as an insurance policy for everlasting peace.

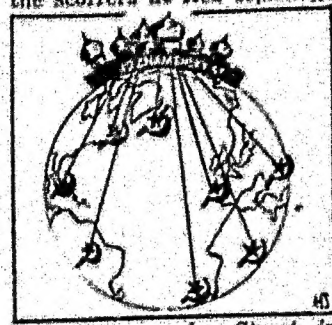
Many of our best citizens who are not pacifists but sober realists believe half truths about Russia that the Kremlin has no intention of correcting. It is true that Russian agriculture can barely feed the population. It is true that we produce more steel, more crude oil, more electric power, more cement. However, if we believe that these factors bother the Kremlin or the Communist drive, we are badly mistaken. Their main interest is world power, centralized in the Kremlin, and they are dedicated to this. Abundance is always coming to the masses in Russia, someday. If there is criticism about the lack of material things, the Kremlin always can point with pride to the record of the Red Communists. Which would you rather have — a coffee maker or the world record for orbits around the earth?

People in this country tend

to kid about Russian spies and hostile Red espionage. Just recently, we caught two Soviet spies operating within the United Nations. In retaliation, the Russians expelled Commander Raymond D. Smith, our assistant attaché in Moscow.

There was a great hue and cry about Commander Smith in Russia. He was merely doing his job, collecting facts about Russia he couldn't help noticing. The Russians were caught were busy buying defense secrets from an American sailor.

Perhaps we ought to take the scooters at Red espionage



to 19 Znamensky Street in Moscow. This is an old Russian palace housing Soviet spy headquarters. Behind its barred windows and doors, there is a complete Soviet spy apparatus responsible for the collection of information from every nation in the world. The American section takes up almost 50% of the Red spy system. Here is where the Red spies we caught in the United Nations first got their instructions.

Chief among the Red spy networks is the Kremlin's own — the Confidential Administration of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

This organization seeks to penetrate America's top circles of decision — The White House and State Department. The information they want: What will we do, what are we capable of doing, in any given situation? Have we the will and courage to use our strength?

It may come as a surprise to you to learn that this Russian spy bureau still operates as it did in the days of Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss. There has been little, if any change.

In addition, the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, and the Cominform, all have competitive spy systems. The Soviet general staff's military intelligence also subverts sympathetic Americans, when the opportunity arises. All operate under iron discipline.

Patience is the secret behind Soviet espionage. Russian instructors think nothing of recruiting a spy and letting him do nothing for eight to ten years. Meanwhile, the Red apparatus is easing him into a sensitive area of our government. The time comes when the new spy is ready to take over, and he goes to work for the Kremlin.

Next time one of your friends poo-pooes Russia's threat to our freedom, tell him about 19 Znamensky Street. Tell him that the enemy is not only ferocious and powerful, but also invisible and dedicated. He may tell you that we have comparatively few members of the Communist Party in the U.S. This is true — but Communist espionage here is enormous, expertly organized, and working against us every minute of every day.

known as the Lane Place. Jotham died Dec. 25, 1903, and Elohe died Jan. 18, 1918.

CHARLES H., born May 23, 1856 in Bethel. He married Nov. 6, 1876, Nellie M. Thurston of Errol and in 1879 he moved to Minneapolis, dying there Nov. 3, 1880, before he could tend for his family. Nellie moved to Massachusetts and later married S. N. Trask.

There was one son, Ellsworth, born in Rumford Point who married Rena Strickland. She died April 21, 1935. In 1942 Ellsworth was living on the Richardson place, Upton. There was one son, Lyman.

ETNA EUPHRATES, born May 23, 1860, in Bethel. He married Carrie M. Abbott July 1, 1891. She died Jan. 28, 1933, and he died Aug. 1, 1938. There were no children. They lived on the Otis Abbott place.

FRED ELLSWORTH, born Feb. 24, 1862, in Upton. He married Geneva K. Bartlett in 1891. They had eight children: Otto, born July 17, 1891; Leo, who died in Upton Feb. 22, 1912; Lester; Lena; Roscoe; Charles; Everett and Henry. Fred died on the D. C. Brooks place March 20, 1942.

ELLIS H., born April 4, 1870, in Upton, married Martha Littlehale of Newry Jan. 1, 1903. They lived on the Lane farm, moving in 1914 to Errol.

ROSCOE G., lived in Grafton, marrying Affie York. They lived in the H. F. West place, later moving to Bethel. For many years he drove the stage.

Chase Joseph Chase was born in 1790 in Standish. He married Apphia (Bartlett) Jackson of Newry. Apphia being his second wife, as he was her second husband, Joseph having had ten children by his first wife, Joseph and Apphia came to Upton about 1833 by spotted tree and settled near Mollidgewood Pond. In 1847 they moved to the south side of the Coos Road, building a log cabin and clearing the fields. There their children were born. About 1850 they built the house on the north side of the road. Joseph died May 15, 1866, at the age of 76 and Apphia died Oct. 22, 1874 at the age of 70.

DANIEL, born 1831, moved to Milwaukee.

ORMAND, born in 1824, died in Mexico Aug. 7, 1860, at 36, working for the United States Government.

JOHN, born in 1856, died at Ship Island March 25, 1882 at 26, Member 12 Me. Reg.

ANNIE, born in 1833, married (1) John Brown and (2) Mr. McCarrison.

HORATIO T., born Aug. 12, 1841, married Abbie E. Sanborn. He was a very successful lumberman. He died Sept. 16, 1906, and Abbie died Sept. 21, 1918.

NEELIE E., born 1846, married John Burke.

EDWARD C., born 1868, married Mary A. McLeod. They later moved to Peru.

ETTA SURAN, born

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The Airman, who entered the service in November 1962, attended Northeastern University, Boston.

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The Oxford County Delegation of the 101st Legislature are meeting weekly on Tuesdays following the adjournment of the session.

E. Louise Lincoln, R., Bethel, was elected Chairman and Mary S. Vaughn, R., Peru, was elected Secretary.

Those serving on Committees are: Senator Norman Ferguson, Natural Resources, Highways, and Engrossed Bills; Senator Harold Pike, Agriculture and Towns and Counties; Rep. Melville Chapman, Liquor Control; Rep. Richard Dunn, Labor; Rep. Charles Hammond, On Governor's Message, Retirement and Pensions, Towns and Counties; Rep. Leonice Jobin, Jr., Industrial and Recreation Development; Rep. E. Louise Lincoln, Claims, Retirement and Pensions; Rep. Donald O'Leary, Veterans and Military Affairs; Rep. Mary S. Vaughn, Business Legislation.

On Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, the delegation enjoyed a dinner at Hotel North.

1870, married James McLeod. LAVONNE, born May 26, 1881, married (1) William J. Powell and (2) William Whitney.

JAMES HENRY, born in 1843, died in the Civil War, "in Maryland Dec. 2, 1862, at 19."

CHARLES, born 1845, married Mary H. Brooks. About 1875 he bought the Chapman Store and became a very successful merchant, retiring in 1906, the business being carried on by his son-in-law, John Orne Douglass. Mary Chase died April 30, 1926 and Chase died Feb. 18, 1928, at the age of 82.

EVA, born April 9, 1873, married Winfield West.

LETTIE, married John Orne Douglass.

comes into the kitchen for a cup of coffee and a couple of Mother's hot sugared doughnuts is somewhat quiet and subdued. Chances are he is thinking of that advertisement in the paper. It asked a logical question. The ad said, "Why shovel snow when this powerful, efficient, inexpensive little machine will blow your paths clean?"

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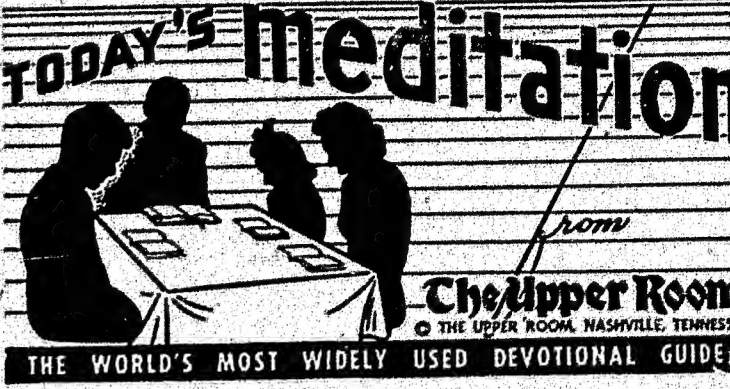
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20 SECONDS with the NAZARENE

Christ declared to the multitude, "You are the salt of the earth." This question was put to a young people's group: "What are some of the things that salt does?" "It seasons." "It preserves." Other answers are offered—a pause—then, "It makes you thirsty." Does our living cause others to "thirst" for God? (Quotation from Jesus, Matthew 5:13)



Rev. Patnode
Bethel Church of
the Nazarene



Thursday, January 31

Read John 14:1-7

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. (John 15:4)

One day we started out in our automobile to attend a wedding in a small town sixty miles away. We eagerly anticipated a happy reunion with relatives and friends. But we never reached our destination because of a loose part which prevented the gasoline from reaching the engine.

Disappointments in life result when our connection with Christ is lost. We find ourselves facing life's problems alone.

None of us is capable of handling his own life. With those of us who ask His help, Christ stands ready to share

His abundant grace and power. "Abide in me" are the words of Christ. It is left to us to lay hold of the strength that can be ours in Him. We can do this through daily fellowship with Christ and regular worship in God's house.

PRAYER: Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that we can depend on Thee to guide us through life. Help us today to live in such close fellowship with Thee that our lives may show forth Thy love. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven... Amen."

Thought For The Day: When we worship God, He gives us the strength we need to be victorious over life's difficulties.

—Edythe Draper (Saskatchewan)

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Bethel Methodist Church

Richard M. Hamilton, Pastor

Friday, Feb. 1:

7:00 p. m. Commission Meetings

8:00 p. m. Monthly Meeting of the Official Board.

Sunday, Feb. 3:

9:45 a. m. Church School.

11:00 a. m. Family Worship Hour and Nursery.

The service will be conducted by the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship.

6:30 p. m. Junior and Senior MYF Meetings.

Monday, Feb. 4:

3:00 p. m. Junior Choir Rehearsal in the Church Annex.

Thursday, Feb. 7:

2:00 p. m. Afternoon Circle meeting at the home of Mrs. Marsh Webster and Miss Mina Stevens.

7:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

8:00 p. m. Evening Circle meeting at the Parsonage.

West Parish

Congregational Church

Clifford W. Laws, Minister

Sunday, Feb. 3:

Morning Family Worship,

11:00.

Church Nursery, 11:00.

Church School, 9:30.

Pilgrim Fellowship, 6:30.

As a convenience for any who would like to attend a Church Worship Service before going away for the day, and find the 11:00 A. M. hour too late, you are invited to the brief worship service that is held for the Church School at 9:30.

This service will be available beginning Sunday, Feb. 3.

Wednesday, Feb. 6:

Regular rehearsal of the Choir.

Thursday, Feb. 7:

The Ladies Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Merrill at 1:30.

Thursday, Feb. 7:

The Bible Study Group will meet in the Chapel at 7:30.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene

Rev. C. R. Patnode, Minister

Church calendar for the coming week.

Sunday, Feb. 3, Youth Sunday:

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Challenging Bible Classes for all ages.

Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.

Begin your week with an hour spent in God's house.

Youth Choir 6:30 p. m.

Evangelistic Service 7:00 p. m. This service begins with a sing-along including favorite choruses and special music.

Monday, Feb. 4:

Monthly Church Board Meeting at the parsonage.

Wednesday, Feb. 6:

Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p. m. Continuing a

study of Christ's Sermon on the Mount.

We invite you to worship with us.

Catholic Services

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 9:00 a. m. Sundays in the Community Room.

Episcopal Chapel

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Odd Fellows Building, Main St., Sundays:

Holy Eucharist, 9:15 a. m. You are invited.

The Church of the Open Bible at the Universalist Church.

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Sunday:

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Church service, 11:00 a. m. Sermon brought by Robert Colby.

Youth Forum, 6:30 p. m.

Bible Study at the Church Wednesday evenings at 8:00.

Christian Science

The divine answer to humanity's most perplexing problems will be stressed in a Lesson-Sermon on "Love," to be heard this Sunday at Christian Science Societies.

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Locke Mills Union Church

Mrs. Beatrice Littlehale, Pastor

Church Services, 9:30 a. m. Sunday School, 10:45 a. m.

Mrs. Richard Melville, organist and choir director. Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 6:30 p. m.

Bryant Pond

Universalist Church

Sunday: Morning Worship Service, 9:00; Rev. Stanley Rawson, speaker. 10:15, Church School, 6:30 p. m., Youth Fellowship.

West Bethel Union Church

Mrs. Beatrice Littlehale, Pastor

Mrs. Harriet Stowell, Organist

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Supt. Olive Head.

11 a. m. Worship Service.

Choir practice Saturday, 6:30 p. m.

Chapel Aid Society meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p. m.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church

Leon Street, Interim Pastor.

Miss Susan Hathaway, Organist.

9:15 Sunday School.

10:30 Morning Worship.

5:30 Jr. Young People's Meeting.

6:30 Sr. Young People's Meeting.

7:30 Evening Service.

Early Families in Upton

This is the second of a series of genealogies of early families in the town of Upton, up to 1892 when vital statistics were first recorded. Corrections will be appreciated and should be sent to the Citizen.

Rich Family

Joshua G. Rich, who had been in the contracting business in Boston, moved to Richardson Lake in 1842 or 43, living by Mettall Brook above the Narrows. He trapped and guided for the sportsmen then beginning to visit the Lakes.

He built the log cabin at Middle Dam, the first camp built for sportsmen in the Lake Region, about 1845 and later took in Horatio Godwin as a partner, selling out to him in 1849 and moving to Upton. There he bought the "C. A. Frost" place, rebuilding the house and building a store close to the road. He ran the house as a hotel, called the Brushwood House.

J. G. Rich wrote "The Trout of Maine Waters" published in the American Angler and reprinted in the July 24, 1883, issue of The Oxford Democrat and many other articles for several sporting and local papers. His manuscript "Hunter and Trapper" was never published and has since disappeared. At Richardson Lake he used to send animals to Louis Acadia for his museum in Cambridge and as late as 1935 his name was mentioned on many exhibits in the Museum.

In Bethel Mr. Rich had married Mary N. Day. They had 14 children.

BARTLETT, born in Boston, graduated from Yale University, and was for many years head surgeon at the Worcester City Hospital.

MARY, born in Boston.

An infant, who died at Richardson Lake.

Haydn S. Pearson

SHOVELLING OUT

We have no doubt that a few decades hence, snow removal processes as now handled will be considered one of the old-fashioned activities of our generation. It is only a question of time until some chemical is put in or on highways and sidewalks so that snow will melt as fast as it falls.

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my. On a bright morning after a storm has blown itself out and the thermometer is up in the thirties, it is easy to shovel a path to the barn, to the henhouse, and down across the lawn to the RFD box by the road. One should say, of course, it is pleasant provided the wind isn't blowing. It is discouraging to shovel light snow in competition with moving a r.

If the snow is wet and heavy, that is another story. Each shovelful represents a number of pounds, and by the time a man has worked for a couple of hours, he knows that he is not related in Paul Bunyan. Shovelling can become very monotonous and wearying work under such conditions.

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MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Week ending 1-30-63:

	Total	Won	Lost	Pins
Gould Academy	6	2	1661	
Central Alleys	8	0	1618	
Lions	6	2	1620	
Walkers Mills	2	6	1693	
Barber Shop	2	6	1593	
Davis Mill	8	0	1691	
Bennett's Garage	0	8	1588	
Waterford	0	8	1668	

High single, Joe Hillier, 149.
High three, Joe Hillier, 352.

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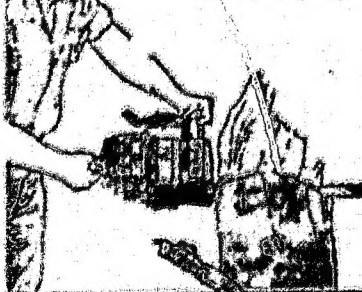
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C. P. S. NEWS

Crescent Park would like to welcome Joan Frankiewicz and Susan Pierce to Bethel. Joan is in the eighth grade and recently transferred from North Andover, Mass. Susan is a fifth grade student, transferred here from Claypit Hill School, Wayland, Mass.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lord and Mrs. Ruth Ring have returned to their teaching positions after being out because of sickness.

A peek through the key hole on Tuesday afternoon found Mrs. Brown's third grade with a reading contest "Putting Books Into Orbit."—Miss Ballard's fourth grade studying the proper form of personal letter writing.

Mrs. Tuncotte's fourth grade was having their French lesson.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas the Great Master has again entered our Order and called our beloved sister, Carrie Mae Wight, to the Greatest of Homes above therefore be it Resolved, that Bear River Grange has lost a faithful member, one whose sincere love and sound judgment for her fellow members has been a valuable guiding light through her fifty-nine years of devoted service in the order.

God sent his angels to bring her home.

To loved ones waiting in the Heaven above,

To a rest well earned, no more to roam

But remain forever within His love.

Her busy hands are folded at rest

There's a smile on her lips as of yore

She will watch and wait for our coming

By the gates of pearl and the Heavenly door.

Resolved, that our charter be draped in loving memory of our esteemed and respected Sister, whose loss to our Order is indeed great—

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our records, copies be sent to the family of our departed Sister, and a copy sent to The Oxford County Citizen for publication.

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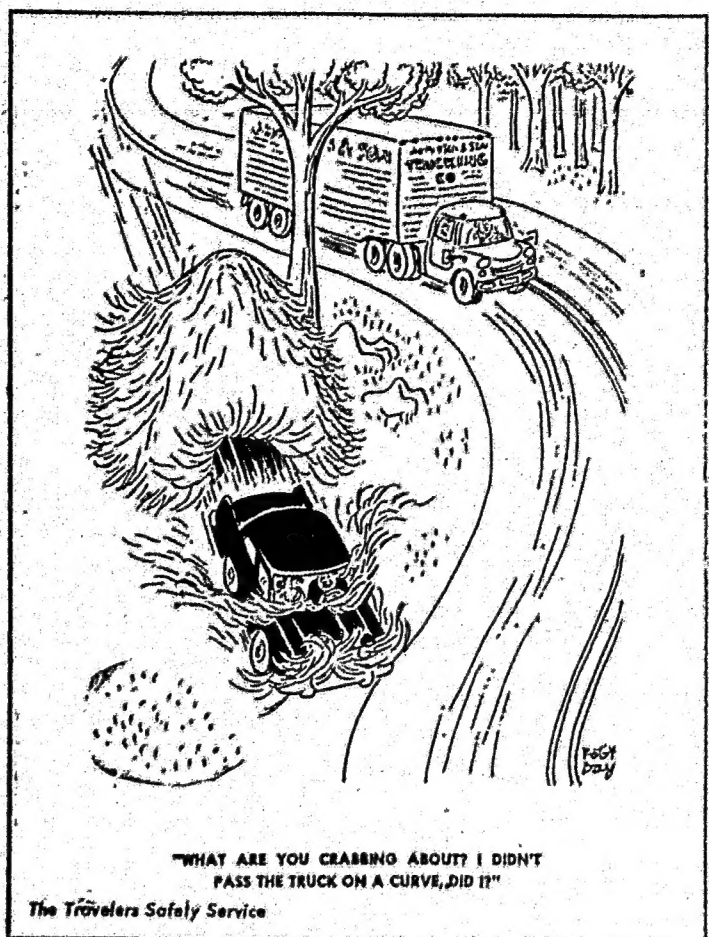
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Mr. and Mrs. William K. Lamson of Rumford Point are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carol A. Lamson of Sherwood St., Portland, to Midshipman John B. Sotman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sotman of Rumford. A June wedding is planned.

Both are graduates of Stephens High School, Rumford.

Miss Lamson is employed by the Associated Hospital Service of Maine and is attending the Golden School of Beauty Culture in Portland.

Midshipman Sotman attended the University of Maine and will be graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., in June.

son from TV.

Mrs. Burgess' fifth grade was writing business letters. The children in Mrs. Hastings' fifth grade were summarizing their study of the Middle Atlantic States. Mrs. Ring's class was doing multiplication and division.

The children in Miss Varner's sixth grade were reading about "Cultured Pearls" and the Statute of Liberty in the Weekly Reader. Mrs. Doris Lord's sixth grade was studying about Mexico. They were studying the imports and exports. Mr. Hammond had the seventh grade boys working on the mats to the music of Chicken Fat. This was their Physical Education period. Mrs. E. Lord was teaching physical development to the seventh grade girls in Health. Mrs. Gunther was listening to oral reports of timely topics of current interest from her 8th grade English class. Mr. Bragdon's 8th grade was studying ratios and proportions in Math.

A peek into the kitchen found the cooks preparing beans for next day.

The library finds Mrs. Eyp-per and five beginning clarinetists playing low A, G, and F!

LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Rodney Cross, Jr., Corres. Mr. and Mrs. Don Robbins are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter at the Norway Hospital last week. Mrs. Robbins is the former Claire Hinkley.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cross Jr. and Timmy were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dunham of West Paris, Sunday evening.

Miss Jahine Merrill has spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Rodney Cross, Jr., while her mother is a patient at the St. Louis Hospital.

Richard Emmons, Burlington, Vt., was a week end guest of his mother, Mrs. Bertha Emmons.

A party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cross on their 25th wedding anniversary was held Saturday evening at the Locke Mills Town Hall. Decorations were green, pink and white, with white wedding bells, and floral centerpiece for the gift table. The guest book was in charge of Mrs. Guy Rice. The wedding cake was made and decorated by Mrs. Irving Cole. Selections by Philip House and Sandra Dunham were played on accordions; Irving Cole and Berton Cole, guitar; Celia Lamb, piano; Everett Howe, saxophone; Michael Hathaway and Elden Hathaway, trumpet. Singing was by the Melodettes. The honor guests were presented a money tree along with gifts and cards. Refreshments were served by Charlotte Cole and Mrs. Mark Mills.

"Economists are saying that the business will be there in 1963—for those companies aggressive enough to seek it out, smart enough to be selling the right product, and productive enough to be selling it at low cost."—Seovill Bulletin, publication of Seovill Manufacturing Co., Waterbury, Conn.

WEST GREENWOOD

Birthday celebrations were held Monday and Tuesday in honor of Dennis and Terry Wilson. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Alden Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Malvern Wilson and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Buck, Mrs. Dennis Wilson and Douglass, and the guests of honor, Dennis and Terry Wilson.

Terry Wilson is home from school with a very bad cold.

Mrs. Stanley Wilson was in Norway on Tuesday.

Hunt's Corner Grange held an oyster stew supper at Amy Bunker's on Friday evening. There were 19 members present.

Mrs. Leonard Kimball and Mrs. Mary Dooen attended the housewarming party for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker in Norway.

Mrs. Stanley Wilson will be an assistant to the Bethel Brownie Group.

Loton Hutchinson was a caller at the Alden Wilson's Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Alden Wilson, Mrs. Stanley Wilson and Mrs. Robert Deegan were in Rumford last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Rugg and two girls, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fox and Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Andrews, visited

SONGO POND

— Mrs. Ralph Kimball, Cor. — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kimball and Norma were in Medford, Mass., Friday to visit the Bouve-Boston School at Tufts University.

Miss Llona Keniston and Carl Meaux of Portland spent the week end at her home here.

WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Jan. 24:

Hanover Dowel, 1408, vs. Flying A Girls, 1397. High single, 99, Martha Sweatt. High three was a tie, 250, Martha Sweatt and Judy Saunders. High single, 96, Mary Dooen. High three, 263, Mary Dooen.

Central Alleys, 1388, vs. Twisters, 1408. High single, 90, Mona Lowe. High three, 258, Norma Jodrey. High single, 100, Pat Hart. High three, 276, Pat Hart.

at Leonard Kimball's Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Deegan and her mother, Mrs. Gayden Davis, were callers at Alden Wilson's one day this week.

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HANOVER

— Marjorie Cummings, Cor. —
The town books close this week as of Jan. 31st.

About a foot of snow fell in town over the week end, which with high winds caused bad drifting in places. Robert Brown is doing a fine job keeping our town roads open.

Edmund Jean has returned home from Rumford Community Hospital.

Mrs. Marion Richardson is reported as gaining at Rumford Community Hospital and able to sit up for a short time.

Miss Deborah Goddard and Miss Constance Billingswood are taking piano lessons with Mrs. Lunt Watson in Virginia.

Mrs. Hazel Ferguson substituted as teacher Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haggett have moved into one of the Linnell apartments.

John Forbes is enjoying a bombardier ski-doo which he recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Savage and family have moved into the downstairs apartment of Edmund Jean.

Mrs. Helen Stearns was guest of honor at a family birthday dinner at her home Thursday, Jan. 24. Those present besides the guest of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stearns, Rebecca and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gross, Michael, Brian, Dennis and William, Burt Damon and Bessie and Brenda Stearns. Mrs. Stearns was the recipient of many cards and gifts.

Miss Sallie Kinne returned to her studies at Gould Academy Monday after a week's illness.

James Grey was at his home in town over the week end. Miss Alice Penney received her cap last Friday at the Maine School of Practical Nursing in Waterville and is at her home in town for a week's vacation. On her return she will continue her training at Thayer Hospital.

Several minor accidents have been reported due to icy roads.

PROBATE APPOINTMENTS

The following subscribers hereby give notice that they have received the appointments as indicated from the Probate Court of Oxford County. All persons having demands against the estates represented by them are requested to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately:—

Ray Palmer Burke, late of Bethel, deceased; Patricia Mayourneen Clements of Bethel, Executrix without bond, January 2, 1963.

Harold P. Boule, late of Bethel, deceased; Mary C. Stanley of Bethel, Administratrix with bond, December 18, 1962.

Grace B. Thompson, of Bethel, an adult person; Ronald D. Heebner of Kearny, New Jersey, Guardian with bond, Agent in Maine — Frank W. Linnell of Auburn, December 4, 1962.

Dario Corriveau, late of Gilead, deceased; Octavia Corriveau of Gilead, Executrix without bond, January 21, 1963.

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Andover-East Andover

Mrs. Violet Swain, Corres.

Mrs. Harl Averill has returned to her home after being a patient at the CMG Hospital for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hall and son, Guy, have moved their trailer from Limestone to East Andover where they will now reside. Hall was discharged from the air force after four years of service.

Nineteen members of the Arts and Crafts gathered at their room on Main Street for their annual meeting on Jan. 21. Officers were elected, President, William French; Vice President, Harold Hodsdon; Secretary, Gertrude Percival; and Treasurer, Ann Fox. Adult art classes were scheduled to begin on Jan. 29 at 7:00 p.m. with William French, instructor. Mrs. David Stillman will instruct a class of Junior members at her home on a date to be announced. Anyone interested in stenciling on tin or wood is asked to contact Gertrude Percival, Katherine Luce, Rumford Point, will instruct this class.

A quilting bee was held at the home of Mrs. Barbara Richardson at East Andover on Jan. 22. Attending were Muriel Farrington, Eldora Jones, Violet Swain, Jeanette Chenery, Barbara G. Meisner, Virginia Hiltz, and the hostess, all members of the Community Club. On Wednesday of last week the quilt was delivered to Mary Serafin who was burned out the week before.

The Pineland Ski Club membership drive is on. The carnival is scheduled for March 9-10 and meetings will be held each Monday evening until then. A

STATE OF MAINE
To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, from day to day from the fifteenth day of said January. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the nineteenth day of February A. D. 1963, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Bertha S. Andrews, late of Albany, deceased; First and Final Account and Petition for Order to Distribute the balance remaining in his hands presented by Henry H. Hastings, Administrator.

Tinyor D. Littlefield, late of Greenwood, deceased; Will and Petition for Probate thereof and the appointment of Edith L. Littlefield as Executrix of the same, without giving bond as expressed in said Will, presented by said Edith L. Littlefield, the Executrix therein named.

Carrie M. Wight, late of Newry, deceased; Will and Petition for Probate thereof and the appointment of Fred W. Wight as Executor of the same, to act without bond as expressed in said Will, presented by Fred W. Wight, the Executor therein named.

Witness, Robert T. Smith Judge of said Court at Paris, this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

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— Mrs. C. James Knights —
Mrs. Peter Rosenberg and family entertained relatives from Rumford Saturday.

Mrs. Herman Cole was sick several days recently.

Mrs. Curt Martin is working part time in the office at Francine Shoe Co., Norway. Mrs. Robert Davis is caring for the baby days.

Miss Lorraine Cole S. N. from CMG Hospital, Lewiston, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cole.

Edwin Ricker underwent surgery at the Rumford Hospital last week.

Clyde Knights was at Lewiston last Friday to Dr. Lebel's and had some more teeth extracted.

Mrs. Peter Rosenberg and Mrs. Eugene Bellegarde attended a Stanley Party at Mrs. Roger Strout's on Monday evening.

Mrs. Gladys Rollins of Phillips returned to her home Saturday after caring for Mrs. George Abbott for two weeks.

Mrs. George Abbott was taken by ambulance to the Chapel Valley Nursing Home at West Paris, Saturday afternoon.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK

— Mrs. Olive Davis, Cor. —
Union School Notes

The pupils enjoyed a movie Friday afternoon.

The Honor roll in the 6th grade: Bethany Andrews, Kayen Berryment, Ray Ann Burnham, Eileen Cole, Robert Day, Paula Howe, Karen Keniston, Linda Koskela.

Perfect attendance in the 6th Grade for the first half of the year: Bethany Andrews, Douglas Coffin, Robert Day, Paula Howe, Linda Koskela, Thomas Redman, Stuart Thurlow, Ray Ann Burnham, Eileen Cole, Debora Foster, Karen Keniston, Sherbourne Noyes, Albert Silver.

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The bus driver, Taisto Koskela, took the pupils to the school house after the greater part of them had shots at the center school.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends for the cards, letters and flowers I received while I was in the Stephens Memorial Hospital. Also thanks to the wonderful personnel, Dr. Hebert and Dr. Akeberg, for the splendid care they gave me. God bless you all.

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Clayton Bartlett of Kennebunk and David Perry of Kennebunkport called on Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bartlett Sunday while they were here skiing.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Whitman and children of South Paris were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Curtis.

Stanley Howe was home over the week end from his studies at Gorham State Teachers' College.

Phillip DesRoches is able to sit up in a chair for two hours

a day, and is still improving.

Miss Charlotte Crockett, Fluffy and Toughy, of Mechanic Falls were week end guests of Miss Josephine Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stearns and children, Danny and Linda, of Rumford Corner called on Mr. and Mrs. David Foster, Saturday.

There will be a meeting of Alder River Grange No. 145 on Feb. 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe.

Pfc. Carlton Tyler of Fort Devens and Miss Gloria Priest of Buckfield were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Tyler.

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WEST PARIS

Mrs. Roxie Inman, Corres.

Rev. Earle Dolphin, Brunswick, formerly of West Paris, called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perham, Mrs. Walter Inman and others, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elva Hazelton has gone to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where she will spend the remainder of the winter with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hayes and family.

Mrs. Eve Waterhouse, Salem, Mass., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Palmer Jr. were in Boston last week.

Mrs. Bessie Ross visited Mrs. Mary West, South Paris, Sunday.

Boy Scout Troop No. 132 attended the Abnaki District Winter Carnival Saturday at Norway. Assistant Scout Masters Milton Inman and Lorin Strout, and Institutional Representative Vernon Inman accompanied them. Mrs. Bette Marshall, R. N., served as volunteer nurse in the first aid car.

Cub Scouts, Den One, met with Den Mother, Mrs. Lucy Ridley, Saturday afternoon. Door stops were made and the Den yell learned. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Cub Scouts, Den Two, held their weekly meeting Saturday with Den Mother, Mrs. Doris Waterhouse.

Mrs. Doris Slattery entertained the Past Noble Grands at a 6:30 supper at her home Friday evening. Attending were: Miriam Inman, Evelyn Abbott, Lisbeth Penley, Elva Ring, Hazel Perham, Lempi Cyr, Lettie Brooks, Mary Hibler, and Mrs. Myrtle Richardson.

Thomas Wilkey night was observed at the IOOF meeting on Wednesday evening.

A fire of undetermined origin gutted the home of Mrs. Evelyn Abbott on Greenwood Street, Jan. 22. Mrs. Abbott, her son-

in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Scott and baby, who made their home with her mother, were visiting relatives in Harrison when the fire was discovered at 7:15 p. m.

The metal roof prevented the fire from engulfing the structure although the interior was virtually destroyed. A few pieces of furniture were removed from the house but were badly damaged by smoke and water.

Property was covered by insurance. In December 1961 the house then owned by Mrs. Abbott's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold "Jack" Hollis was badly damaged by fire. At present Mrs. Abbott and the Scotts are staying with relatives and friends. The Mountain Grange is sponsoring a benefit variety shower for Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Friday at 8 p. m. at North Buckfield Grange Hall.

Collected by the "Mothers March" for the March of Dimes was \$62.75 announced by the chairman, Mrs. Reta Proctor.

GEORGE L. JACKSON

George L. Jackson died Jan. 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellingswood, High Street, where he had been cared for the past twenty years.

A native of West Paris, born Dec. 16, 1875, son of Charles and Lydia Knapp Jackson. He was a Past Grand and 53-year member of the West Paris I. O. O. F., and attended the West Paris Universalist Church. He was married to Mable Bubier in 1928, who died in 1945.

He is survived by a nephew and several cousins. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Universalist Church with Rev. Earle Dolphin, Brunswick, formerly of West Paris, officiating. Entombment at the Wayside Cemetery.

SUNDAY RIVER

Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Cor. — Raymond Foster is confined to the house with the flu.

Mrs. Laura Adams and children were Monday (Jan. 21) visitors at her brother's, the Bryce Yates.

Gerald Harrington and men were unable to work in the woods on account of the hard wind Monday (Jan. 28).

Eddie Day helped Bryce Yates prepare a ceiling for painting.

The ten inch snowfall Saturday night and Sunday is making it hard for the men in the woods working.

Mrs. R. M. Fleet stayed with the Bryce Yates' children while their parents went skiing Saturday.

ALBANY HUNT'S CORNER AND VICINITY

Mrs. Harlan Bumpus, Cor. — Mr. and Mrs. Earl McAllister and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inman and family.

The Executive Committee of the Oxford County United Parish met at the home of Mrs. Olive Spinney Friday evening. Earl McAllister is working in Norway this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inman were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter, East Bethel.

Eddie Dunn of South Portland spent Saturday at his camp and was a supper guest at Earl McAllister's.

Mrs. Sarah Andrews is a patient at the Norway hospital. She underwent surgery last week.

Several Grange members from this vicinity attended the oyster stew supper at Mrs. Amy Bunker's Saturday evening.

Recent callers at Harlan Bumpus' have been the Rev. Herbert A. Stevens; Charles Schleich; Harlan Kimball; Carlton Rugg, and Mike Inman.

LOVELL

Mrs. Holmes Gould, Cor. — Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Orris Lebaron Wednesday afternoon.

Bruce and Brenda Bassett spent Tuesday evening with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith.

Mrs. S. B. Vinton was re-elected president of the Lovell Women's Club at the annual meeting Wednesday at the Library. Other officers re-elected were Mrs. Donald Andrews, vice president; Mrs. Marcus Stearns, treasurer. Mrs. Mayo Cram was elected secretary.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Edward Davey and Mrs. William Schaudel.

Miss Charlotte Hobbs is a patient at the Memorial Hospital in North Conway, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bassett Jr. and children were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Emery and family Saturday evening at Fryeburg. It was the Bassetts' wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paisley have returned home after spending several weeks in Florida.

Charles (Chuck) Davis is much improved from his recent illness.

Mrs. Merle Watson from Stow called on Mrs. Holmes Gould one day the past week.

Donald Feeney has finished working for the Diamond National Corp. in Fryeburg and is working for C. N. Brown.

Mrs. Edith Farrar from Grav spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerry last week.

To my sense the Sermon on the Mount, read each Sunday without comment and obeyed throughout the week, would be enough for Christian practice.

Mary Baker Eddy

WEST BETHEL

Mrs. Lona Gilbert, Correspondent

The regular meeting of Pleasant Valley Grange which was to be held at the home of Mrs. Franklin Burris Thursday evening was cancelled on account of bad weather. The next meeting will be on Feb. 14.

Mrs. Ruth Grover returned last Friday from Stephens Memorial Hospital, where she had been confined with a broken hip for twelve weeks. She is reported doing very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newton were in Dixfield Saturday.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Lovejoy were

Elder David Shaw and Mrs. Melvin Austin and son from Woodstock.

Stephen and David, children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hale, have been confined with the flu.

Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith, has the mumps. Mr. Smith was home the first of this week.

Miss Roma Bennett is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Leon Tyler, Jr., in Kittery, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Lovejoy and Ellen were in South Paris on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stowell

Jr. were in Portland Friday. Mrs. Lona Gilbert is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lettie Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, in South Portland. She expects to return home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker and children were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and sons on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kendall were week end visitors of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kendall, and daughters in Lewiston.

Miss Gloria Kneeland is home for a semester break from the Silvermine College of Art in Norwalk, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hibbard and family of Freeport visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hibbard of Mason, Saturday.

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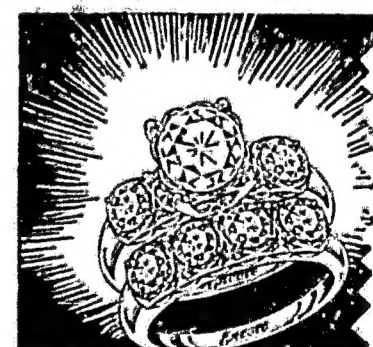
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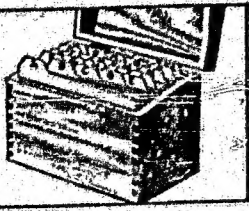


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10 YEARS AGO

A temporary bridge span between Mexico and Lincoln Ave., Rumford, was wrecked and washed away when ice piled up.

A report by a Bethel school survey committee showed enrollment still growing and crowded rooms expected again in 1964.

The winter so far was marked by frequent snowfalls, rain and fog, but little cold weather.

20 YEARS AGO

At a meeting in William Bingham Gymnasium, representatives of the First Fighter Command spoke on the importance and organization of warning service observation posts.

Constance Sawyer, Gould

Academy senior, was one of 40 students in the United States winning a trip to attend the Science Talent Institute in Washington, D. C.

Death: Leon G. Widber.

30 YEARS AGO

Miss Barbara Herrick entered nurses training at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston. Bennett's Garage, West Bethel, was burned with all contents.

Death: John Gill.

50 YEARS AGO

H. O. Reid was station agent at West Bethel.

Deaths: Henry W. Poor, Joseph T. Chapman, Mrs. Cora D. Lurvey.

ENMAN - COOLIDGE

Miss Serena Coolidge, Locke Mills, daughter of Leland Coolidge, Bethel, and Mrs. Louise Coolidge, Canton, became the bride of Randall Enman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Enman, Sr., of Canton, Jan. 12. A double-ring ceremony was performed by Mrs. Beatrice Littlehale, pastor, at the Locke Mills Union Church.

The bride was attended by Mrs. John Enman, Jr., of Phillips, sister-in-law of the groom, as matron of honor.

John Enman, Jr., brother of the groom, was best man.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Community Room in Canton.

The wedding cake was made and decorated by Mrs. John Enman Jr.

KNEELAND - YOUNG ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Roland M. Kneeland of Bethel have made known the engagement of their daughter, Gloria Kneeland, to Douglas Kelcey Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Young of 866 Forest Ave., Rye, N. Y., and Mechanic Falls, Maine.

Miss Kneeland was graduated from Gould Academy, Bethel, attended Vermont College, Montpelier, Vt., and is attending Silvermine College of Art in New Britain, Conn.

Mr. Young was graduated from Cornell University in 1962 where he received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He will receive his master's degree in business administration from Cornell University in June.

A June wedding is planned.

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NOMINATIONS WANTED FOR MISS OXFORD COUNTY

Bethel Jaycee Wives, who are handling the entries committee for the Bethel Jaycees' Miss Oxford County Scholarship Pageant, remind all Oxford County citizens that there are only two weeks left to nominate their potential candidates. Somewhere in Oxford County is the new Miss Oxford County of 1963; and the Bethel Jaycee Wives are searching for her, and want to help her to the greatest heights of the Miss America Pageant competition.

At a meeting held Monday evening, it was reported by committee chairman, Mrs. Gayland Dooen, that all county high schools as well as many clubs and service organizations, have been contacted to suggest potential candidates.

Scholarships, fame and excitement await the county winner. Don't miss out on it. If you have, or are a candidate, complete the entry blank to be found elsewhere in this paper; and mail it at once.

Selection of Miss Oxford County will take place at the Norway Opera House, Norway, April 6, sponsored by the Bethel Jaycees with the cooperation of the Norway Jaycees.

Candidates for the Miss Oxford County title must conform to the contest rules, which are as follows:

1. Contestant must be a resident of Oxford County for six months prior to the contest. This rule is waived only for contestants whose residence is out of the county or state, but who is attending school in Oxford County. She may not compete in more than one Official Preliminary Contest during the year.
2. Contestant must be single and never have been married, divorced or had marriage annulled.
3. Contestant must be a high school graduate or a senior attending high school at the time of the contest.
4. Contestant's age on September 1 shall not be less than 18 nor more than 28 years.
5. Contestant must be of good character and possess poise, personality, charm and beauty of face and figure.
6. Contestant must possess and display in a three-minute routine talent. This talent may be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, a dramatic reading or she may give a three-minute talk on the career she wishes to pursue.
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ROBBINS - McINNIS

Marriage vows were exchanged by Lucille McInnis, daughter of Mrs. Van Carreau of Norway and Raymond Robbins, son of Irmie Robbins of Bryant Pond and Annie Pelletier of Peru, at the home of Rev. Clifford Laws in Bethel at 2 p. m. Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Newell of Locke Mills, daughter and son-in-law of the bride, attended the couple.

After the ceremony the couple returned to their new home located on Perham Road, Bryant Pond, and were tendered a late afternoon reception there. Mary Jane Newell presented the couple with an attractively decorated wedding cake and Mrs. Robbins' youngest daughter, Patricia, circulated the guest book.

Those in attendance included, Mrs. Van Carreau of Norway, mother of bride, Mrs. Annie Pelletier of Peru, mother of the bridegroom, Mrs. Anna Littlefield of Norway, the groom's 95-year-old grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Newell of Locke Mills, Patricia McInnis, David Shultz of Norway, Mr. and Mrs. Irmie Robbins and Edward Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. John Pelletier Jr., of West Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Strout and Pamela, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Noyes, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Sherbourne York, Mr. and Mrs. Charles York and Linda Lee of North Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cushman of Lisbon, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Cushman of Lewiston, Tommy Sweetser of Bethel, George Blissen of Peru, and Jacob Herbert of Norway.

The couple received many beautiful gifts and money.

The bride attended Rumford schools and is employed by Francine Shoe Shop at Norway. The bridegroom attended Woodstock schools and is a veteran of World War II and is employed by C. S. Cushman.

The reading or she may give a three-minute talk on the career she wishes to pursue.

7. Contestant may be either amateur or professional.

BETHEL COMMON before

1909. Old timers will notice here the guideboards on the old elm in the lower left, pointing down Main Street to Locke Mills and Rumford, across the foot of the Common towards Albany. The oil street lights and original fountain place the date in the early 1900's. Prospect Inn, across the Common, was burned in 1911. The beaten paths across the street to the Common and nearby to Rowe's store (now Community Room) indicate a greater number of foot travelers. Note the old watering tub in the foreground with its light in the center—photo by E. C. Vandenkerckhoven — courtesy of L. A. Van Den Kerckhoven.

BORN

In Rumford, Jan. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bean of Bethel, a daughter, Rebecca Lulu.

In Norway, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Robbins, a daughter.

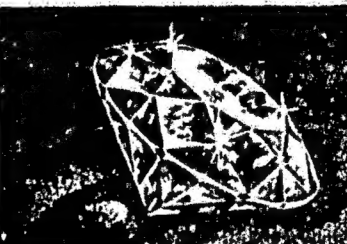
MARRIED

In Locke Mills, Jan. 12, by Mrs. Beatrice Littlehale, pastor, Randall Enman of Canton and Miss Serena Coolidge of Locke Mills.

In Bethel, Jan. 26, by Rev. Clifford Laws, Raymond Robbins and Miss Lucille McInnis.

DIED

In West Paris, Jan. 26, George L. Jackson, aged 87 years.



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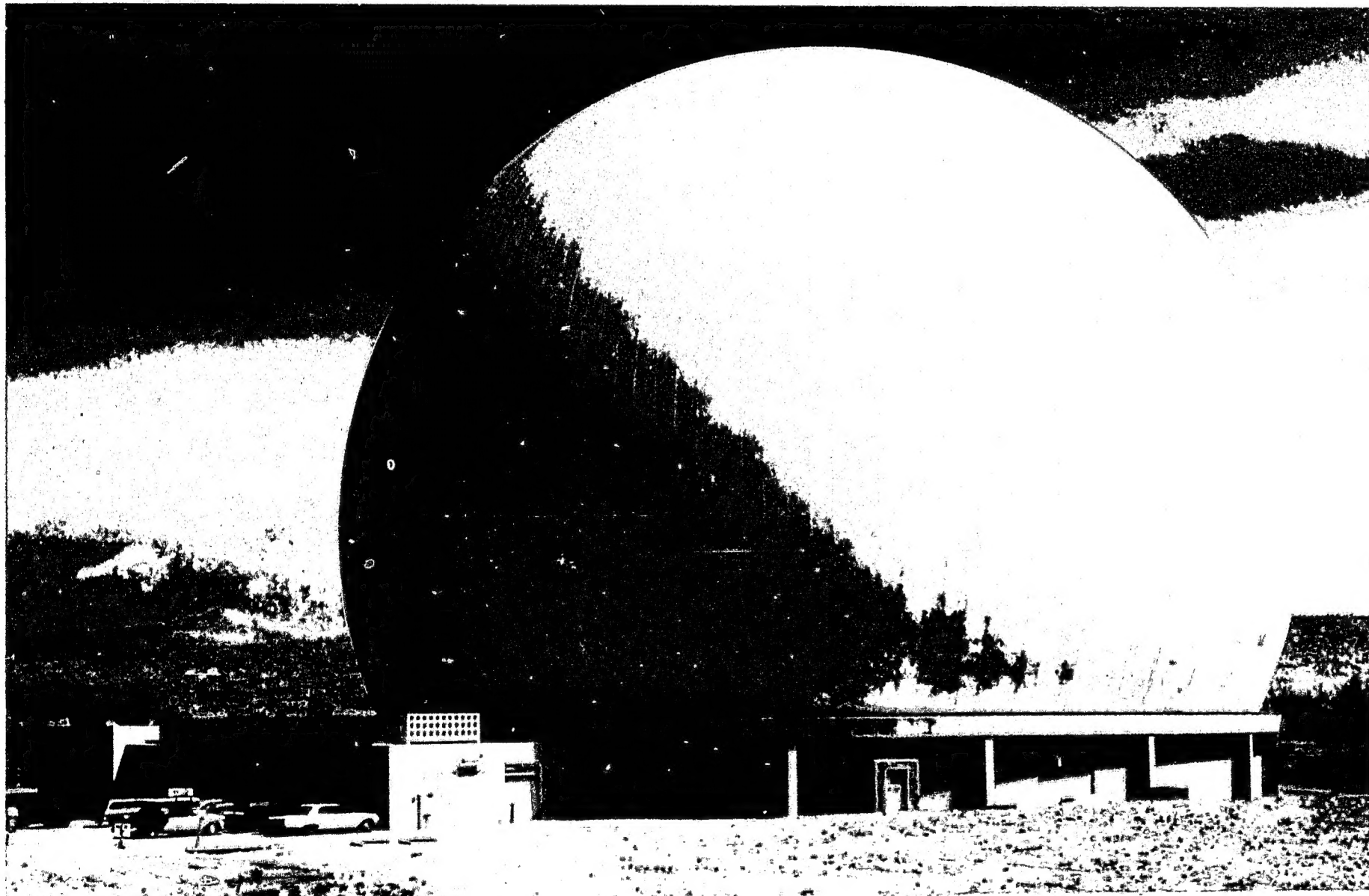


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CLOSEUP VIEW OF RADOME at Bell System's earth station near Andover, Maine. Inflated structure provides cover for giant horn-antenna which serves as "ear" and "throat" for communications via satellite. Made of dacron impregnated with rubber, 20-ton radome soars to the height of an 18-story building and stretches 210 feet across.

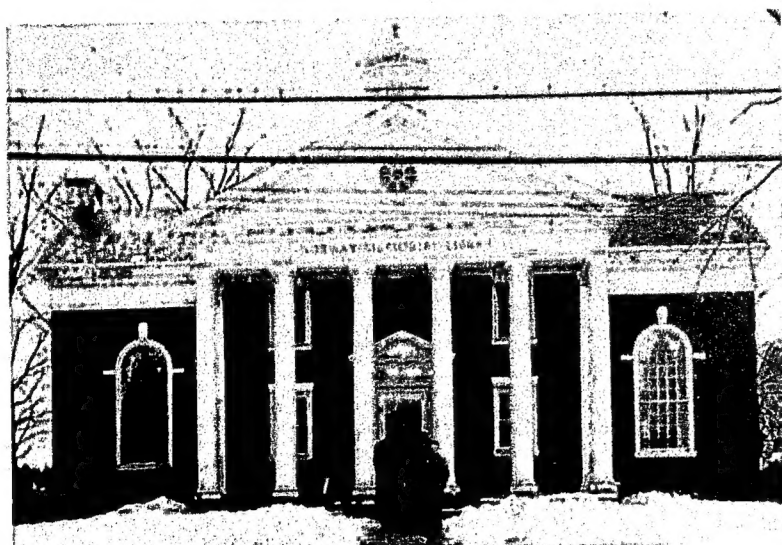


One of Maine's most famous tourist attractions is the famous sign at Lynchville in Albany. All these foreign sounding names are those of towns in Maine, most of them in Oxford county. "Wish I had a dollar for every time that signs' been photographed, remarked a passer-by. (Martin Photo)

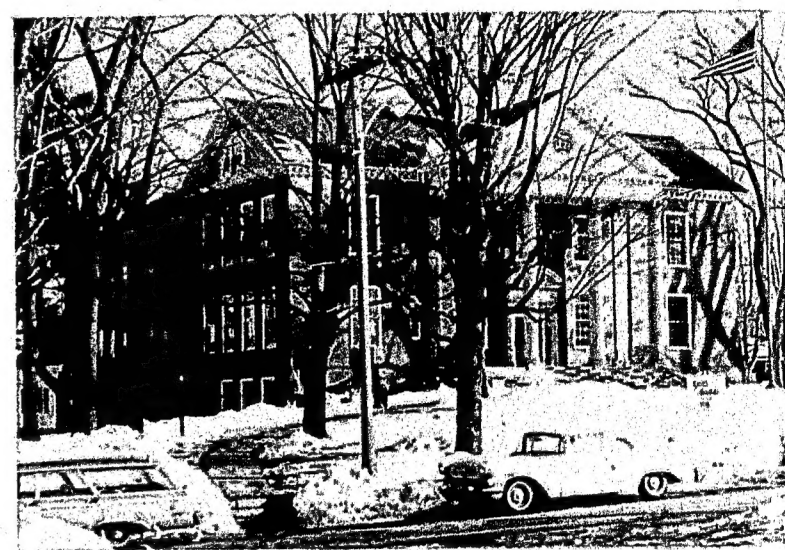


Tourists flock to Oxford county for its scenic and historic appeal. Here is one of the few remaining covered bridges in Maine, the Lovejoy bridge over the Ellis River at South Andover. (Martin Photo)

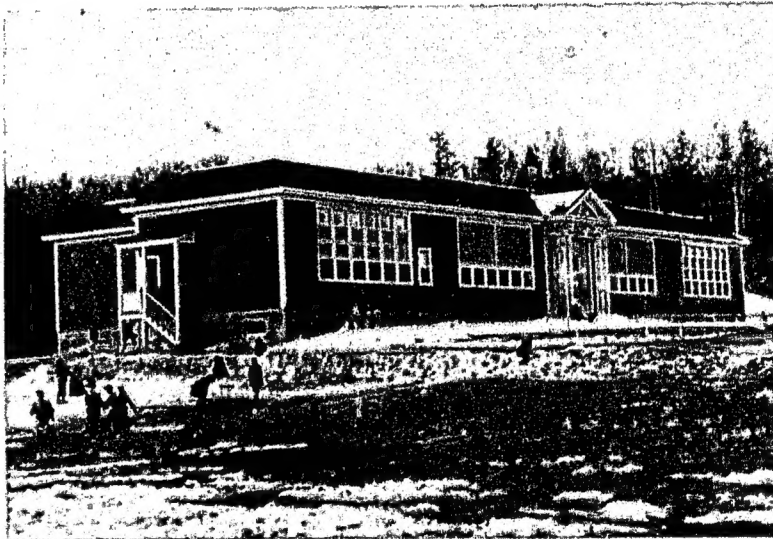
Educational Facilities In Oxford County The Finest Division



The public library goes hand in hand with schools for the education of the country's youth. This is the Norway Memorial Library. Oxford Hills high school students were entering when photo was snapped. (Martin Photo)



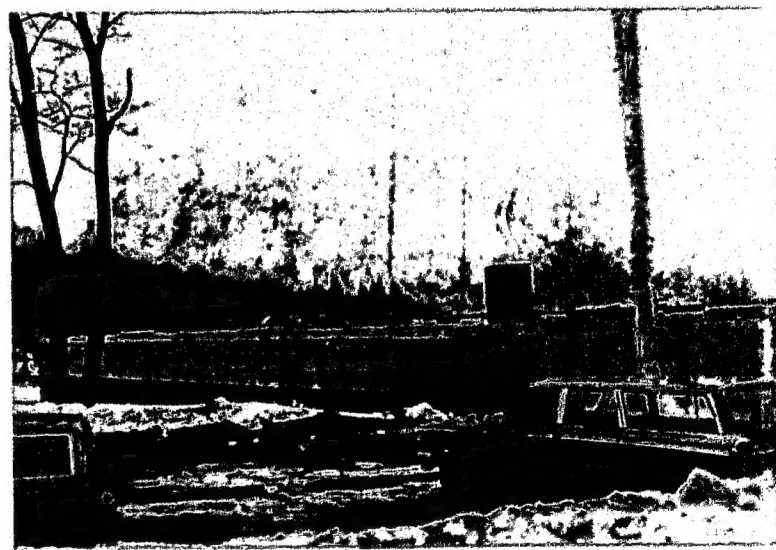
Gould Academy, established in 1836, is one of the premier educational institutions in Oxford county and Maine. It is situated on a beautiful campus in Bethel. This is Bingham hall, the administration building. (Martin Photo)



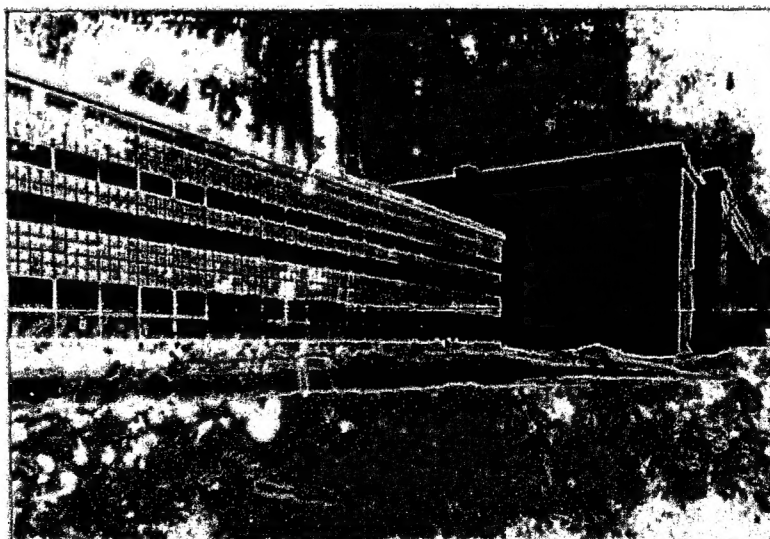
The old one room school house in rural areas in Oxford county has given way to the modern grammar school and improved methods of teaching such as visual education. This is the Memorial Grammar school at Waterford. (Martin Photo)



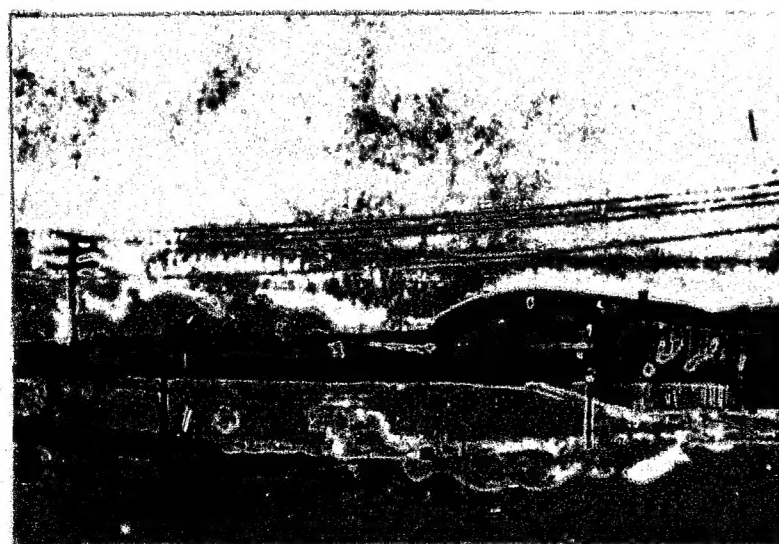
New building keeps abreast of improved teaching methods in Oxford county. This is an auditorium-gymnasium under construction at Gould Academy in Bethel. (Martin Photo)



One of the most modern of new school buildings in the county is the new Rumford Junior high school. Two sections have been built, another is still in the future. (Martin Photo)



Mexico has recently built a new modern grammar school building nearly adjoining the high school. The western side of the new building is shown here with the high school in the background.



View of the South Paris unit of Oxford Hills high school, showing classrooms and big gymnasium. (Martin Photo)



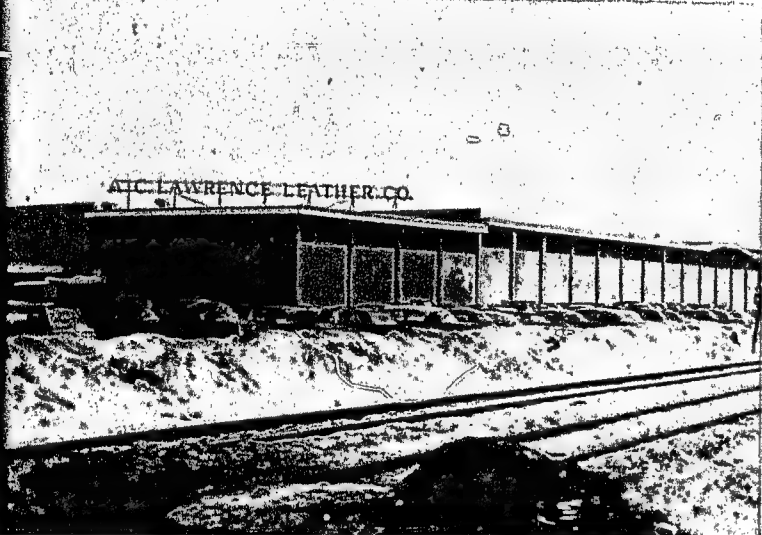
Stephens high school of Rumford is one of the larger high school buildings in the county. (Martin Photo)

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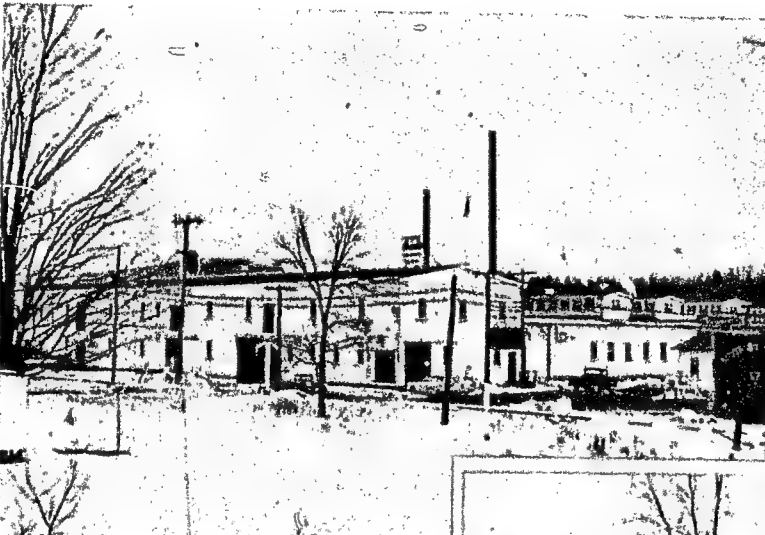
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The labor climate and skills in Oxford county make it an ideal location for varied industrial enterprises. This is the modern plant of the A. C. Lawrence Leather company in South Paris. (Martin Photo)

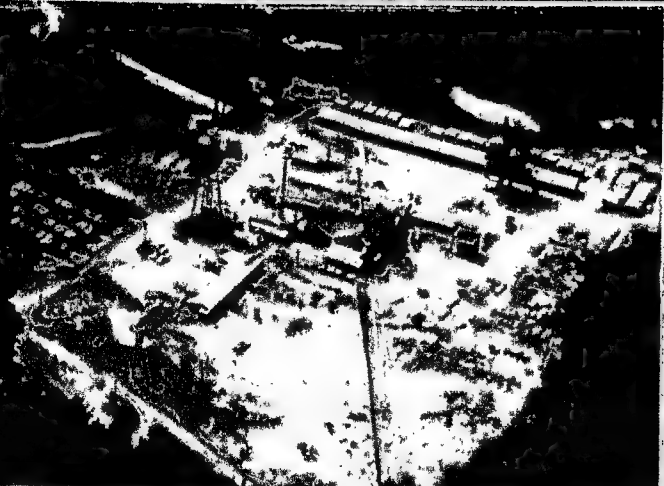


The vast forest resources of Oxford county produce not only pulp wood but large quantities of saw logs and lumber of top grade. Here is the T. L. Dickson Lumber company, Rumford, rebuilt following a fire which destroyed the original plant last year. (Martin Photo)

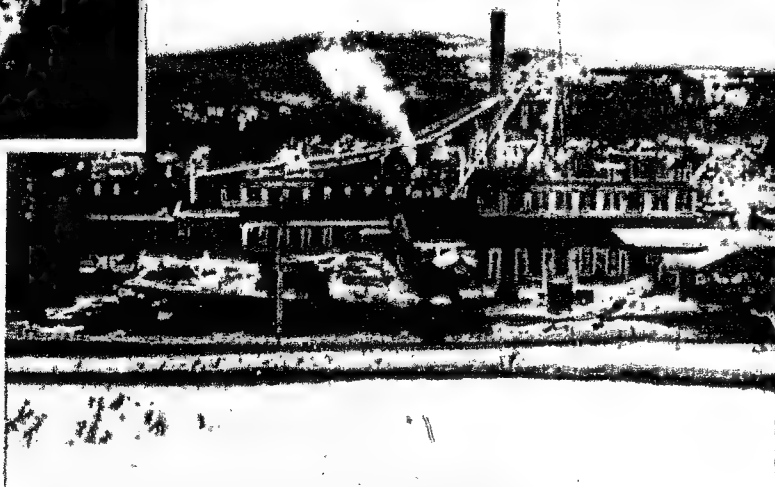
The rich soil of the Oxford county intervals produces high quality corn, beans and other grains and vegetables. The canning industry is, naturally, a thriving one in the county. This is the Burnham and Morrill plant at South Paris. (Martin Photo)



Rumford's big Oxford Paper company plant has undergone a tremendous change in the years since the war, as a result of the company's dynamic expansion program. Here, photographed at dusk, is the southerly side of the plant showing at left the chemical recovery building and in the foreground the new lime kiln building. (Oxford Paper company Photo by Lucas)



The plant of the Andover Wood Products company is one of the more recent additions to the economy of the community. It manufactures dimensioned panels for use in the manufacture of furniture. Owner is Royal Bolduc.



One of the oldest industries in the county is the manufacture of sleds, furniture and skis. This is part of the sprawling Paris Manufacturing company plant at South Paris. (Martin Photo)



The major industry in Dixfield is the Stowell-McGregor Division of Coats and Clark Inc., which manufactures wooden spoons and wooden novelties. Shown here, with the plant in the background, are the long ranks of drying wood to be used at the plant. (Stowell-McGregor Photo)

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Recreational Facilities for Young and Old



The ski shack at the Bethel Ski Area is shown here. Comfortable accommodations, plus the famous Maine Hospitality, are making Oxford County's ski slopes among the most popular in the East.



Wonderful winter weather with plenty of snow makes Oxford county a natural for winter sports, which thrive and are on the increase. Here are Allison, 16, and Brenda, 13, children of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hudson, Andover, with their team of huskies. (Martin Photo)



Mt. Abram Ski Area at Locke Mills, looking down the slope toward the lodge at the foot of the area. (Maine Development Commission Photo)



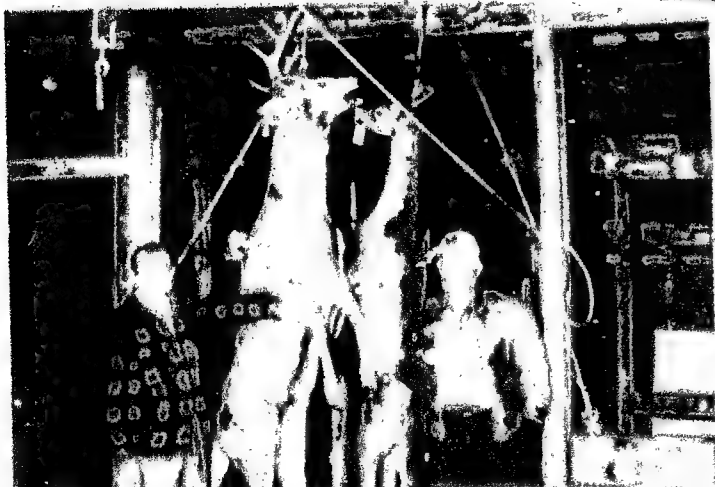
Spring fishing in Oxford county can be wonderful. This family took these brookies from Slab City Brook in Lovell. (Martin Photo)



Some hunters would rather get a bear than anything else. This lad shot this bruin out of a tree after it had been treed by dogs at the end of a chase in Mason. (Martin Photo)



Visitors from all over the nation make famous Serow Auger Falls in Grafton Notch, Oxford County, one of their stopping points as they tour this scenic area in the foothills of the White Mountains. (Maine Development Commission Photo)



Oxford county provides some of the best deer hunting country in Maine. Look at these beauties hang up at Dawson's Sporting Goods Store in Mexico. (Martin Photo)



Bobcat hunting is a favorite winter sport in Oxford county. This bag of 11 cats was taken by a group of Dixfield hunters. (Martin Photo)

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well-known quotes regarding ability to record his story are "History is but geography" and "History repeats itself."

latter quip is more apt when one considers the writer's description of the town of Norway, Maine. Here are the words: "It is...the center for many things."

an enterprising, thriving town. Norway is probably not the only similar village in the state.

However, there are some interesting facts about the town of 1886 which paint a picture of today's town of Norway. "There are no woods in town," says Paymaster. "There are no schools here, and the credit of business is little. The schools are second to none. Independent Settlements like the adjoining town of Norway were settled in a different way.

There was no proprietors of the territory now making town of Norway, and the settlers were of a different character from different sections of the town's first settlers. Towns started by proprietors were sought and settled as the first aim of the settlers was to increase their property. This was in contrast to the settlers from the same section of Massachusetts, generally, who had a different character and the proprietors tried to establish a community that they might control.

One of the first settlers, men who cleared the land, built homes, without expecting any other than that of possession. The greater part of the land was bought and paid for by Edward Little.

Whitman Grant. Grants of land were often made with little knowledge of the location. John Whitman was granted in 1735 that which was to be within the present town. It proved later to be in Hampshire and in 1771 was given a grant in the Whitman grant, the which he probably inherited. The grant is said by some to be now within the town.

After the Revolution, a grant was made to Arthur Lee of Vermont, who embraced the greater part of the town, Norway. The land was sold to Edward Little, who sold the land in parcels to the settlers. John Little and Capt. Henry Little owned a large tract.

These different sections were united and, with a section from Waterford, formed the town of Norway.

The Name. The selection of the name was had no design. When the town was granted, the name was written in and for it was given. The town was asked for the incorporation to be called "Norway" in regard to the wishes of the settlers in naming new towns.

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well-known quotes regarding ability to record his span in "History is but geography" and "History repeats itself." It is more easily stated when one considers an earlier description of the town of Norway, Maine. Here are some of the early settlers' words: "It is...the natural center for many thousand of an enterprising, thriving village. Norway is probably not equalled by any similar village in the state."

However, there are some statements of 1886 which paint a colorful picture of today's town of Norway, Maine. "There are no wealthy families in town." "Payments are made weekly, and the credit system of business is little used." "Schools are second to none."

Independent Settlement

Like the adjoining town of Paris, Norway was settled in an independent way.

There was no proprietors' grant of the territory now making up the town of Norway, and, the first settlers were of a different class from different sections than the first settlers, and the towns started by proprietors' grants.

Settlers were sought and offered incentives as the first aim of the proprietors was to increase the number of their property. This resulted in townships being settled by people from the same section of Massachusetts, generally, and of same character and religion. Proprietors tried to establish a community that they might control.

One of the first settlers were men who cleared land and built homes, without asking for or expecting any other title than that of possession.

A greater part of the earlier settlers bought and paid for their land from Edward Little of Andover.

Whitman Grant

Parts of land were often made with little knowledge of their location. John Whitman received a grant in 1735 that was supposed to be within the province of Maine. It proved later to be in Hampshire and in 1774, John Whitman was given a grant in place of the Whitman grant, the rights of which he probably inherited. The grant is said by some to be now within the town of Norway.

After the Revolution, a grant was made to Arthur Lee of Virginia. He embraced the greater part of the present town, Norway, and by deed was sold to Edward Little. He sold land in parcels as desired by the settlers. Jonathan Williams and Capt. Henry Rust owned a large tract, did the same different sections were divided, and with a section set from Waterford, formed into the town of Norway.

The Name

The selection of the name seems to have had no design. When the town was granted, the name of Norway was written in and no reason for it was given. The legal name asked for the incorporation of the town to be called "Norwage." Regarding the wishes of the petitioners in naming new towns was

the custom. No reason for it has come down to our time.

First Settlers

It is believed the first real settlers went to Norway in 1786, coming from Maine towns nearer the coast. Numerous families were contributed by Gray and Falmouth (now Westbrook).

The new settlement was called Rustfield and was so designated until the incorporation of the town in 1797. There were 500 inhabitants then. Job Eastman, Benjamin Witt and Joseph Stevens were the first selectmen.

A post office was established in 1798 with Wm. Reed the postmaster, a position he held for 40 years. In 1877 Norway became a presidential office, the first one in the county.

Mr. Eastman, the first selectman, was also town clerk; he was re-elected every year for 40 years. He died in 1845 at age 95.

First Frame House

In 1790 the first frame house was built by Samuel Ames on Pike's Hill. This same man conducted a grist mill for 45 years.

Benjamin Witt was the first blacksmith, coming to town in 1790. The first shoemaker was Peter Burke who came to Norway in 1793.

Yes, the first marriage occurred on May 17, 1791, when Nathan Foster and Merlan Hobbs became husband and wife. Joel Stevens, who wed a sister of Merlan Hobbs, for his third wife, had the largest family ever reared in town, 19 youngsters.

Schools

One of the early schools was kept in 1789 in a recitation room in the house of Peter Everett and taught by Mrs. Everett. In 1793 Abigail Symonds taught school in a barn.

Religious Faiths

Norway has always been a leader among the Oxford County towns and has been the first to start business, political and religious innovations in several lines.

Notable for being the birthplace of universalism in Maine, Norway recalls John Stevens, who later founded the Kennebec Journal, and served the church as a preacher. The Catholic Church was formerly over the line, on Paris territory, but was struck by lightning and moved into Norway and repaired. There are many churches of all faiths in the town today.

Industry

The town's early development of manufacturing industries in addition to retail business was in large measure responsible for its growth as a trading center for a large surrounding country and it still is a natural shopping hub.

In the olden days there were carding mills, cabinet and furniture manufacturing, carriage and sleigh-making, a paper mill and other shops where manufactured goods that have since passed from the scene were made in small quantities, suited to the demands of that day.

Started in 1847 the paper mill never gave employment to but three or four persons, but Dr. Danforth, proprietor, prided himself on the fine quality. The material used was rags.

Charles P. Kimball began making carriages and sleighs in 1847, employing 16 men. Soon he increased the force to 40 and, until the

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Credit To Writers Of Review Edition

Mrs. Elmire G. Kimball of Rumford Center has done a great deal of work on this Oxford County review edition, and has drawn on her natural flare for historical research and writing to delineate in attractive manner the early beginnings and the growth of the towns in her area.

In all she wrote 13 of the articles in these pages, including the following: the history of Peru and the history of Dixfield; the stories of the Hanover Dovel company, the Luce Oil company, and the Andover Wood Products company.

She wrote the article on rock-hounds in the county, the history of Upton with an assist from Charles Heywood of Bethel; the histories of Rumford, Rumford Center, Roxbury, Rumford Point.

She wrote the Andover history with Cecilia Elliott of North Rumford, and the Mexico history with Mrs. D. G. Philbrick.

The history of Norway was written by Ben Tucker, editor of the Norway Advertiser - Democrat and chief of South Paris by Earle R. Clifford. Mrs. Ethel Robertson of Bethel was the author of the article on Bethel's history.

SKI AREAS IN COUNTY

Since the old Chisholm Ski club cut loose with its first big Rumford winter carnival back around 1921, there has been a steady growth in ski-sport interest in Oxford county which has kept pace with, or even led the growth of enthusiasm for skiing all over the country.

In Rumford the vicissitudes of skiing and the club have compassed two big jumps, now abandoned in favor of those at the Chisholm Winter Park development, two slopes and towns, now also abandoned in favor of the new, sundry other high school jumps, trails, and similar facilities. Its cross country trails have been good enough so that in 1950 the FIS cross country championships were held in Rumford.

Andover to the north got into the act early and is a growing winter sports area popular with jumpers and now the site of the national 30 kilometre cross country race each year.

The swing has been away from emphasis on competition alone, and skiing is now enjoyed by young and old, in couples or as individuals, family groups, or clubs and other groups. Instead of just watching someone else, now nearly every active youngster from four to 75 gets in his or her skiing.

The result has been the establishment of three major areas for resort skiing in the county within the last few years.

Rumford on the Black Mountain development, known as Chisholm Winter Park, has a cross country trail, two jumps, a variety of slopes and down hill trails, tows, and a "Snowcat" and fully equipped lodge with food, repair service, ski equipment, and other facilities available.

At Bethel a group got together and built the big Sunday River Skiway on Barker Mountain, Newry, with fine skiing on a big slope, trails, comfortable lodge, and all other like facilities.

In Locke Mills the Gross Brothers of Bethel, Norton, Stuart and Donald, built the Mt. Abram

Paris Had Its Beginnings As A Grant To Veterans Of A Military Expedition To Canada

By Earle R. Clifford

Paris, the first and only "shire" town there has ever been in Oxford County, was incorporated the 82nd town in the State of Maine on June 20, 1793. It became the shire town of the county in 1805.

On Thursday, October 11, 1879 a giant family reunion and centennial observance of the founding of the town was held on Paris Hill which, by the application of simple arithmetic, would show that the town as such had its first beginning in the year 1779. Previous to that there is definite evidence to prove that there was a settlement of a sort which was known and referred to as Plantation Number Four.

Early Records

By rare good fortune the town of Paris at one time chose and elected for one of its selectmen, Silas P. Maxim. One of the most excellent things he did while in office was to overhaul a pile of rubbish that had collected in the corner of the town house. While thus engaged he picked up a page of manuscript which he saw was an old record, and further search and effort on his part produced a volume which when put together proved to be the original record book of the proprietors of the plantation.

This may have been an inspiration to him to make the effort to collect and compile the information and data which stands as a monument to his name and memory today in the History of the Town of Paris.

Original Grant

In 1731 it appears that certain parties petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts for a grant of land as compensation for services in the Canada expedition of Sir William Phips in 1690. The petition was favorably acted upon, and a grant made in 1736. The original grantees were Captain Samuel Jackson and 39 others.

On March 5, 1739, King George II of England determined the boundary line between the provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire which had been in dispute. This decision cut off from Massachusetts the line of townships between the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers thus rendering the grants from the General Court of Massachusetts null and void.

The grantees, therefore, had no other recourse but to petition for another grant in lieu of the grant taken from them by the settlement of the above-mentioned line.

Townships Granted

Nine townships were granted in 1736 to the officers and soldiers surviving the expedition sent against Canada, which when surveyed and assigned were called Canada Townships. Only two of them, however, were located in Maine, viz: JAY, called Phipps Canada and TURNER, called Sylvester Canada. This first grant is now the town of

Paris. The first boy born in the town was Joseph Daniels; the second, a son of Asa Barrows. Priscilla Williams and Sally Stevens were the first girls born in town, but the uncertainty always clinging to the age of a lady makes it impossible to determine which was the older.

There is an old wives' tale which (Continued On Page 9A)

Keene, New Hampshire. It was supposed to be located in Massachusetts but proved to be in New Hampshire when the lines were run.

After the loss of the township the matter was allowed to rest until 1771, when Captain Joshua Fuller and others received a grant of township in lieu of that loss. The new township was confirmed to them in 1773.

The township granted was six and one-fourth miles square, while the town is six by 12 miles in extent. Besides the Sylvester Canada (Turner) referred to, a township was granted called Phipps Canada. The records of Number Four show the payment of a certain sum, and the records of Phipps the receipt of an exactly corresponding sum, from which it is inferred that the Phipps proprietors surveyed a township adjoining, and their interest was purchased, the territory thus quit-claimed being covered in by the bounds mentioned in the first grant.

Afterward, Alex. Shepard purchased the "small gore" now the towns of Hebron and Oxford for a small sum. Tradition says that the value of the tract was subsequently discovered and he was compelled to pay a larger price.

Early Road

The first definite act towards a settlement of any sort was the opening of a road through the township from the southeast corner to the northwest corner. This was in 1779, and this the people regarded as the first occupation of the soil and this was the basis of the celebration of the 100th anniversary. This is the road running from Hebron, over Number Four Hill, by Alonzo King's (Carroll R. King) Paris Hill, thence down the hill by the Rawson homestead to Bisco's Falls (True's Pulp Mill) and over the hill (High Street) to the Woodstock line.

It may excite remark that the great thoroughfare first laid out took the course indicated in the foregoing. It should be borne in mind that Sudbury Canada (Bethel) was settled previous to Paris, and by settlers working back from the seaboard, through Foxbury, while the settlement of Paris was by way of New Gloucester and Shepleyfield, and this was a highway connecting the two settlements.

The town was incorporated very soon after it was settled, the residents taking the management of municipal matters into their own hands. Lemuel Jackson of Middleboro (Mass.) was a forefounded man for his time and he had a family of grown-up sons. He and his son-in-law, Deacon John Willis, made the first settlers' purchase in December 1779. They doubtless, felled trees in 1780, burned them and raised a crop of corn in 1781, and moved in with their families in 1782.

The first boy born in the town was Joseph Daniels; the second, a son of Asa Barrows. Priscilla Williams and Sally Stevens were the first girls born in town, but the uncertainty always clinging to the age of a lady makes it impossible to determine which was the older.

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EDITORIAL

Oxford County's Assets

This Oxford County business review edition, filled with advertisements of enterprising businesses and industries, fine products and quality services, and with stories of the courage and industry which brought about its settlement, indicate clearly the valuable assets of the area, and the characteristics which have attracted these entrepreneurs and caused their ventures to flourish.

The stories of early settlement, the histories of the towns, are in general those of growth, of toil, of determination, of opportunities seized upon and turned to good account.

And they all reflect the apparent fact that in Oxford County, with its variety of terrain and physical characteristics, there is the ideal spot for a business or enterprise to become established.

Latest and most spectacular of the manifestations of this truth is Telstar. The nation's great telephone company after painstaking examination of maps and the terrain of areas over a wide territory, selected Andover, in Oxford County, as having the ideal site for their experiment in communication by satellite.

This we feel is highly significant.

One of the country's larger paper companies is established here because of the availability of some of the greatest water power east of the Mississippi.

Mines flourish in the county because of the great wealth of all sorts of minerals.

Business thrives in the county, where towns and villages of hustling people furnish a fine market for their merchandise.

Dairy farming is one of the most flourishing of the agricultural pursuits because of the county's broad interval lands, with lush graze.

Paper making and timber and lumber production are flourishing industries because of the vast resources of woods of all kinds, now carefully harvested and assured as a continued crop by modern methods of timber selection and cutting.

The county has a fine labor pool, with all types of labor available. There are skills represented which make it attractive to new industry.

And the climate, the hills and mountains, lakes and streams, the hospitality of its people, make Oxford county one of the great tourist and resort areas of Maine and the country.

We speak of the climate advisedly. Summer climate no one needs to praise, - it is well known. Winter? Some may lift an eyebrow. Oxford county is emerging in the wake of Rumford's leadership is one of the great ski resort areas of the east.

The county's churches are numerous and fine. Its schools are good and new ones are being built and better education is being fostered at all times.

There is social and cultural activity of all types through out the year and its young people attend the colleges and universities of the nation, bring back to the county the knowledge which makes it continually progressive.

These are but a few of the attractions which make us feel that Oxford county is the best county in the best state in the best nation in the world (shall we launch out into space at this point?) in which to live, work, play, establish business, do scientific research - name it and there's a place somewhere in the county for it!

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Hand Press By Side Of Road Relates Paper's Ups, Downs

By Merle M. Brown

I am an old Washington hand press, a relic of other days and have just been removed from the Advertiser office after 42 years of continuous service.

One day in June 1882, my new owner, Fred W. Sanborn, came to me as I lay in a crippled condition at the Farmington, N. H. depot, having purchased me of my former owner, C. O. Lord, of Somersworth, N. H., for the big sum of \$100. From here I was taken to the Norway, Oxford County, Me., Advertiser office at Norway and introduced to a new crew.

First to come to my rescue here was Simeon Drake as master of ceremonies. He was the father of Dr. Fred E. Drake of Norway, the tooth-puller. Ephraim H. Brown was the mechanical expert who set my joints while George Merrill, the father of Clarence, was the master mechanic who told the way I should go.

After a short time I was in good working trim and from June 1882 until the next spring I printed the Norway Advertiser, one by one.

A sheet of newspaper was placed over the form and one of those mighty men pulled the lever and after three and a half hours the edition of 800 papers was sent out into the world, recording the weekly happenings of the people of the community.

At this time working with me besides Simeon Drake and Ephraim Brown were Anna Bennett and Elsie A. Favor and Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Sanborn, the owners of the plant.

Simeon Drake on January 1st, 1883 sold out his interests to Mr. Sanborn but he used to call in and see me frequently until he died in 1907.

Miss Anna Bennett, chief hand compositor, labored with us many years until illness caused her to give up work. She was a sister of Mrs. Ella Noyes, the wife of Frank H. Noyes. She died about ten years ago.

There were only two compositors and the other one was Miss Elsie A. Favor, the daughter of James Madison Favor, and sister of James N. Favor, proprietor of the Tucker Harness Store.

Miss Favor stayed with us until about 12 years ago when she went to Massachusetts to care for her brother's family. She has not returned to Norway and joined the ranks of hand compositors at the Democrat office, South Paris, where she is an expert at plugging the letters, quads and spaces.

Lady "Printer"

Mrs. Laura Sanborn in those days learned to be a "printer" and became very proficient and managed the office and edited the paper and did a large amount of work. She attended to her work faithfully through all the years until one morning in February 1923 she passed out, not to return.

Mr. Sanborn, the owner, has labored diligently to build up the Advertiser and aside from his summer fishing trips is still found at his desk in the front shop, the only one present today who was here when I was first put to work.

The length of time I reigned supreme was short for in 1883 it became fashionable to print papers by power and so I gave over my regular duties to a Country Campbell, run by steam, but I was given a place at one side to be used as a hand proof press but still kept a place in the working force.

The Country Campbell stayed with us until 1895 when it was replaced by a C. B. Cottrell Drum Cylinder which was run by electricity and kept in service until the afternoon of June 19, 1924 at 4:30

when they went for it and tore it all to pieces and shipped it off.

In its place came a two-revolution Whitlock Seven Column Quarto but with it came an army of men to put it together. The boss man on the job of assembling was James F. Wheeler of Boston, commonly called "Jim" and he was assisted by Ernest C. Murch, Prince W. Stewart, Walter C. Smith, Elwin Russell, Lee Holt.

Carpenter, William F. Hall came to shore up the floor and see that we all did not fall through to the basement. Then came L. H. Cushman's crew including Raymond Damon, Phineas Curtis and George Hall, and the use of the large auto truck.

Howard Young, Elbridge Woodworth and Ernest Noyes, the electricians; Timothy Heath and crew including Clarence Merrill, son of George previously mentioned, Victor Mattor and Charles Whitman with the cement mixer were called into play to extend the cement foundation - some different proceedings than the day in June, 1882 when I was set up by Sam Drake, Eph Brown and George Merrill.

Co-Workers

I must go back and tell you of a few others who have been my co-workers. Once it was in vogue to have apprentices and among them came E. E. Morrill of Poland, who is now living in Boston, Sudell West of West Sumner, is now dead, Harry S. Skillings of Orlinfield has since died in St. Louis, Reuben K. Eastman of Paris.

D. Cromett Clark of Buckfield is now in Somerville, Mass., and is a writer for newspapers, Nye Gilbert of Norway, Arthur Hale of Poland, died about four years ago, Arthur B. F. Hart of Gloucester, Mass., is working at his trade in Boston, Mass., Ernest Brown of Boston, Mass., Walter Christenson of Gloucester, Mass., and Lawrence Cogswell of New Hampton, N. H., at last accounts was working in Concord, N. H. In later years boys do not care to learn a trade, hence lots of bother and trouble has been eliminated.

As for the hand compositors they have been many during my stay. Aside from Miss Bennett and Miss Favor came Miss Fanny Crockett who captured the heart of the foreman, Myron Roberts, and they are now located in Wolfeboro, N. H., in the printing business along with farming.

Maude Partridge of Norway Lake was another who allowed Dan Cupid to play and she was to herself the next foreman, Ernest C. Murch, who is still the foreman and at the present time one of their sons, Clayton, is working in the office and bossing his father as sons do. Mrs. Jennie Pinkham married Dr. Sam Thomas of Portland.

Miss Lottie Dunn married Asa Bartlett. Mrs. Bertha Sturtevant of Norway joined the ranks and worked for a term of years, leaving to go to Canton with her daughter and soon after her return to Norway became the wife of Frank H. Noyes of Norway and resides on Crescent St.

Hortense Gates worked several years; she married Chester P. Gates and resides on Deering St., Norway. Mrs. Lottie Crane of Norway Lake came back and forth from Frost Corner for a number of years until the end of type setting by hand arrived.

Among others was Alta Pottle of Norway, who married Walter Dimick and lives in Rockland, Leah Weatherbee, who married Harold Woodward, another employee, and later moved to Claremont, N. H., where she died about two years ago leaving one daughter, Caroline.

Zula McAllister worked for she married Mikey Welch lives in Lewiston.

Linotype Arrives

A day came in May 1912 when two Mergenthaler Linotype machines came into use and ended the career of hand set as far as the Advertiser is concerned. Two compositors, Leab and Mrs. Bertha Sturtevant, learned: Ethel Walker, Gates, Mrs. Faye Everett Truman, Elinor Saunders, Waterford, wife of Dan Whitman St., Clara Ham Mrs. Leola Morrison of Lake.

During the past ten years general all-round men have with us. Llewellyn O. known as "Pat", who died years ago in July and was in Gray; the other is Elwin sell, who lives on Whitman. He keeps the fires, does smelts each week.

Walter C. Smith, son of Smith, works steady while soon as the spring and comes he attends to the but returns with the first snow. He married Vesta daughter of Jim at Norway and they have three boys, Harry and Glendon.

Another who has had of me is Prince W. Stewart. He came about 14 years ago and soon married Addie daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. DeCosta, who is clerk Norway Savings Bank. The front office has changes during the years Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn at all the work, then later ett Clark was added to later on came reporters, phers, and bookkeepers.

Among the list was H. L. Plummer of Plummerford, who died about ago, Harry Potter of Mass Templeton of Bradford, Osgood of Lowell, Mass. Chandler of Norway and Paris.

Mrs. Bessie Potter, Elson of Waterford, wife of Wood of Baldwin, Verna China now dead, Helen N. B. Anna Brooks of Norway living in Auburn, Eula now wife of John Wood of Mrs. Hazel E. Conary, wife of Fred Conary of Norway Starbird of Norway, now at Tubbs' factory and, at least, Verna Kimball of A.

As the moving day arrived I was soon to be disposed (truck backed up to the strong hands removed again after 42 years and soon out in the world in trunk - a new thing to my way to Murdoch's market to await further disposal.

It has been suggested painted out in bright colors out on the lawn at Rumford's folly, as a for the good I have done years gone by.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The preceding portion, edited in the June 27, 1924 of the Norway Advertiser was believed to have been taken by the late Fred W. Sanborn, publisher.

Almost 40 years have since I started my history 1924 and much water has run down the drain those years has nearly obliterated many happenings from the memory of people, so it might be well to put a few more facts for posterity.

I did not get a bright coat, but I was well - with black paint and "the side of the road" at the (Continued On Page 1)

The Point Business

Stretched out along the Coggin river bank, Rumford is a town that epitomizes the phrase, "What the people want, they get." The village holds strongly to their farms and their history of the village. They are proud of the land hold on to the forefathers with great pride.

It is a village that on its religion, the Rumford Congregational Church, a focal point of a multi-village.

The Mail

This town, or, rather, suburban part of Rumford, the principal business for the trade shifted and 15 years after Rumford was incorporated, Rumford postoffice on Jan. 1, 1900, year Rumford got its Rumford Point had it was maintained until it was moved to Rumford across the river. The 1850, an office was opened at the Point with a Postmaster. The Postmasters were Warren Charles A. Kimball, W. Kimball and H. L. and down to the ones.

There were complete papers printed then and no dailies in Maine; stationary were very few letters were of course, there was advertising that made three fourths of the today!

The mail was brought back to the Point from way of Baldwin, through Norway, Paris then and the trip which was to be weekly sometimes weeks, depending on the weather, road rider! After 1820, the stagecoach was put ending a colorful era riders.

The first mail-carrier was Jacob Howland of Ipswich, Mass. He route in 1799, and for his route was from Bridgton. Later, he Norway and Paris, then a weekly route which Portland, passing through Raymond, Standish, towns to Bridgton and returning by way of Paris, Hebron, Poland, and North York. Smith succeeded him from Bridgton, and through he passed the line sawin. James L. terford, was the first direct from Paris to return by the same route.

The small party of as in any other small had neighbors not too but there were no roads the various communication was traveling was done on the rough paths in Spotted trees, or slash.

DAVID COMPL

173 Main Street

The Point Was Once Principal Business Center Of Rumford

Stretched out along the Androscoggin river bank, Rumford Point is a town that epitomizes the phrase, "What the past brought forth, made the present!" For, the village holds strongly to the past, the villagers, still clinging fast to their farms and their dairies.

History of the village is important to all who reside here, and they are proud of their forefathers, and hold on to the farms of their ancestors with great pride.

It is a village that prides itself on its religion, the Rumford Point Congregational Church being the focal point of a multitude of activities.

The Mills

This town, or, rather, the now suburban part of Rumford was once the principal business center, before the trade shifted to the falls, and 15 years after Rumford was incorporated, Rumford Point had a postoffice on Jan. 1, 1815, the same year Rumford got its postoffice, but Rumford Point had the very first. It was maintained until 1849, when it was moved to Rumford Corner, across the river. The next year, in 1850, an office was again established at the Point with Otis C. Bolster as Postmaster. Other past postmasters were Warren Mansur, 1855; Charles A. Kimball, 1862; Charles W. Kimball and H. Eloise Abbott, and down to the more present ones.

There were comparatively few papers printed then and there were no dailies in Maine; postage and stationary were very expensive and very few letters were written, and of course, there was none of this advertising that makes up almost three fourths of the mail conveyed today!

The mail was brought on horseback to the Point from Portland by way of Baldwin, through Oxford, Norway, Paris then to the Point, and the trip which was supposed to be weekly sometimes took two weeks, depending on the condition of the weather, roads, horse and rider! After 1820, the four-horse stagecoach was put into service, ending a colorful era of the post-riders.

The first mail-carrier or post-rider was Jacob Howe, a native of Ipswich, Mass. He started his route in 1799, and for two years his route was from Portland to Bridgton. Later, he extended it to Norway and Paris, then he opened a weekly route which took him from Portland, passing through Gorham, Raymond, Standish, and all the towns to Bridgton and Waterford, returning by way of Norway, Paris, Hebron, Poland, New Gloucester and North Yarmouth. Seba Smith succeeded him. Smith was from Bridgton, and after he was through he passed the route to William Sawin. James Longley, of Waterford, was the first to run a stage direct from Paris to Portland, and return by the same route.

The small party of settlers here, as in any other small settlement, had neighbors not too far distant, but there were no roads connecting the various communities, and no communication was feasible. All travelling was done on foot, through the rough paths in the forests. Spotted trees, or slashed bark guided from Andover to the Point.

ed the traveller between the settlements, but, when journeying outside his known domain, he was obliged to depend on his own intuition, depending on the course of the sun, the position of the mountains and the flow of the river, and the streams.

Point Ferry

The Point maintained a ferry for more years than any other town and it was just a few years ago that it was abandoned in favor of the New Rumford Point Bridge. Like Easter was the last ferryman at the Point.

Bridges

The history of bridges at the Point would fill a book and a half, for in those days of long ago, the bridgebuilders did not have the engineering know-how of today, and where the Ellis River meets the Androscoggin River was chosen back in the early 1800's as the ideal place for a bridge.

But everytime a bridge was built, a freshet came along, or an ice jam, or a log jam, or all three combined, and the bridge was gone. Some times the bridge lasted six months, sometimes a year, but, according to the history available, four years was a long time record. It was rebuilt in 1852, 1857, 1862 and other dates and between times the ferry was put into operation. In fact, the ferry was always ready, in case the bridge went out.

Rev. Daniel Gould said this about the bridge: "There is an expensive bridge to maintain over the river near its mouth. It is exposed to ice, freshet and logs. This stream is small, however, and affords water but a part of the season. The logs are referred to, of course, were the logs sent down the river, for the mill, before the railroads and the trucks, took the logs out of the river."

What a sight that was to see the river full of logs!

Rev. Mr. Gould loved the Point and in 1826, he wrote, "The Point at the upper end of town will make a handsome village! It will be the center of business. The road from Andover and the back towns, up and down the river and also to Portland, all center at this place. Much business is done here, and it will be increasing in business and population continually. On both sides of the river in the Point, there are handsome buildings, and they are increasing every year. The Point has the advantage of all the other towns for trade and market."

There was a Kimball who had a tavern at the Point in 1826 or thereabouts, there were three stores, owned by Stevens, Kimball and Bolster and the two roads then were, first, the road at the Point that led to Andover, through the town, and to Portland.

The Church

It is thought that the Congregational church was organized August 5, 1803. Rev. Daniel Gould, and very first preachers, and they also were the first teachers in the Point, the Center, Rumford and Bethel. The Post riders used to meet at the Point about every week, one of them riding from Portland to the Point, the other from Hallowell to the same place, another rode from Andover to the Point.

At one time, at the Point, there was a shop-jolner, cabinet worker, carpenters, and blacksmiths, shoemakers, farmers and dairymen.

Rev. John Elliot was a pastor at the Point, coming here from Auburn on November 30, 1859. He held the pastoral relation over the church until his death, which occurred very suddenly March 15, 1870. He kept the church records, but, few entries were made except for marriages, deaths and communion services.

Then, the church had no settled minister until Samuel V. Barnaby, a student of Amherst College, came for two summers. Then there was Rev. Joseph Garland, Albert Donnell, of the Bangor Theological Seminary; then J. A. Jones, W. J. Cole, of the Andover Theological College and Thomas McBrien of Boston. These were only called for the summer services as the church remained closed in the winters.

Church Dedication

The church building was finally built, and dedicated on March 8, 1865 at the expense of three thousand dollars and the first church service was as follows: 1. Voluntary by the choir. 2. Hymn read by Rev. N. W. Sheldon; 3. Reading of the scriptures, Rev. J. B. Wheelwright. 4. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Southworth. 5. Anthem by the choir. 6. Sermon by Rev. U. Balkam. 7. Anthem. 8. Dedictory prayer, by Rev. John Elliot. 9. Remarks by Rev. David Garland. 10. Anthem. 11. Prayer and benediction by Rev. Mr. True of the Methodist Church.

There was once a church owned by the Universalist at the Point. The early schools were held in the farm homes, and the teachers or preachers were paid for in the produce of the land.

Tales About A Ferry

Between the Point and the Center, there was a ferry running in 1809. And it ran every year except for such times when the river was bridged and it was in operation almost until the turn of the century. There were times when the crossing was very dangerous and some have had many narrow escapes from drowning. At one time, a young minister undertook to pull himself over in the small boat, and when in the middle of the river, he kicked his boat away and was left hanging on the rope, half under water, as the water was high! He gave the alarm but there was no means to effect a rescue without the larger boat. This was in time, pulled off the bank and started towards him, but, in pulling, the rope would be first taut, then slack, which kept the minister bobbing up and down, part of the time way up to his neck. He was rescued from a position more ludicrous than dangerous. It is said that he was a minister that believed in immersion, but, this time he got more water than he desired.

This leads to another story about the same ferry.

This happened, either in the spring of the fall, for there was much ice in the water, and it made the going real rough, in all the crossings. On the ferry, we find a young man, all dressed up for a Ball at Rumford Corner and he was to meet his date, the girl he later married. He wore a warm fur overcoat over his fine suit of clothes. There were big cakes of ice in the way and the ferryman was doing his best to keep them from the boat, and steering clear from them, and he was having trouble, when the young man shouted, "Just let your Uncle Dudley pull a minute!" Evidently, he was in a hurry to meet his girl. He seized the rope suddenly and he pulled away with all his strength. There was a jam of ice ahead and the ferryman and others on the ferryboat cautioned him not to run into it, but his head was in cloud nine and he heeded them not. He kept on pulling. When the collision came, the rope was unshipped from the boat, and the amateur boatman

was thrown some fifteen odd feet upstream! His head struck the water first. He was pulled out by the heels, and the boat was brought to shore with great difficulty, a long distance below the landing. It left the young gentleman in a condition unfit for the ball and the phrase, "Let young Uncle Dudley do it!" were words he was forced to listen to many a time!

It is said, that Stephen Greenleaf Stevens sold to Jesse Duston, a blacksmith, the lot of land on which Rumford Point village now stands. Mr. Duston married a daughter of Phineas Howard of Howard's Gore, now called Hanover. He was the son of Jesse Duston, an early settler of Bethel, and a lineal descendant of the famous Hannah (Emerson) Duston who killed the band of Indians at Pennacook, N. H., which had made her and her nurse captive at Haverhill. Mr. Duston moved to Brunswick. But, records show that on Feb. 27, Stephen Greenleaf Stevens sold to Jesse Duston, blacksmith, 1/2 of Lot No. 48 in the 3rd division of lots, containing 122 acres of land.

The first public ferry in Rumford was owned by James C. Harper and was known as Harper's Ferry. It was a mile below the Point and it was discontinued in 1809. During the War of the Rebellion, when Harper's Ferry down south began to be mentioned in connection with the war, Mr. Edmund Bean, a respected, but illiterate citizen of Bethel, known to all as, "Mister Ned", was down at the Point, one day and hearing someone speaking of the Union defeat at Harper's Ferry, exclaimed, "I'll bet that's Jim Harper that owns that ferry; he would always have a ferry, let him be where he would!" It is needless to say that James C. Harper had been dead many years, and had he been alive, he would have been well over a hundred years of age.

Stores

The first store at the Point was owned by Ezra Smith and he lived in Howard's Gore. Following him were Moses F. Kimball, Otis C. Bolster, Francis Cushman, Charles A. Kimball, later Charles W. Kimball and the ones we know of later. Trade was very good at the Point until the railroad, the Atlantic and St. Lawrence railroad was put into operation in 1850.

Family Records

Moses F. Kimball, known as Esquire Moses, was the son of Asa and Phebe Foster Kimball, who were early settlers in Bridgton, and Bethel, then settled in Rumford Point, where he was in trade and also farmed. He was prominent in town affairs, a Justice of the Peace, and served in the Maine Legislature. He married Mary, daughter of Josiah and Molly Crocker Bean of Bethel. The ferry between Rumford Point and the Corner was known as Kimball's Ferry as early as 1819. He adopted F. for his initial, for after coming to Rumford, he found there was a Moses Kimball here already. He is buried at the Rumford Point cemetery.

Charles A. Kimball was born in Rumford Point, Dec. 10, 1816. He was a schoolteacher at fifteen and a merchant before twenty-one. He was in the general trade for fifty years. Besides the business he engaged in, he kept a tavern, owned the ferry, farmed a bit, dealt in a real estate and cattle, engaged in town

politics, served in the Maine Legislature, had been a civil magistrate, and postmaster and had held all the principal town offices.

John Abbott Rolfe, son of John and Betsy Abbot Rolfe, was born July 2, 1824, on the west bank of Ellis River, midway between Rumford Point and the Andover line. When 18, he went to Portland, served as apprenticeship in that town for three years to learn the carpenter trade. He went into a partnership and soon had a bit of a business going. His partner died, and then accepted a job building a theatre on Union Street, Portland, where for many years he was in charge of all carpenter and repair work at the theatre. In 1851, he was in Brooklyn, N.Y., married Mary M., daughter of Capt. Theophilus Thompson of Freeport, Me. They were married in the parlour of Henry Ward Beecher. He went into the furniture business in Boston, with Blanchards, where he was until 1861. He went into the insurance business in 1862, and when the great fire of Boston swept away most of the businesses, his agency had about \$300,000 on the books and every one collected. He died in Medford, where the family residence was, Sept. 9, 1884.

Jeremiah Andrews Jr., was the son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Sawtelle, born May 28, 1786, was born in Bethel, but lived in Rumford Point. He was married in 1807 to Anne Hodsdon, daughter of Stephen Hodsdon. They had five children, Stephen H., born 1810, who went west with a wagon train. Joseph Russell, born 1812, who married Mary S. Elliott Rumford. William, born 1813, married Hannah H. Abbott, Rumford, James H., born March 19, 1821, no history; Julia Annie, born Jan. 2, 1823 and died in 1870. Joseph Russell, the son married in 1839 to Mary Silver, daughter of David Elliot of Bethel. The children of the latter were David E., 1841; Joseph H., 1842, Charles A., 1845, and George A., 1848.

Otis Cushman Bolster was a tanner at the Point for many years. He was married first to Dolly B. Keyes, daughter of Francis Keyes and then to Maria C. Louise, daughter of Peter C. Virgin Esq. Otis and Dolly had the following children, Horatio A., who died at eight years of age; Henrietta A., who lived only eight years also; Mellen E., who married Ann Sophia, daughter of Dr. Thomas Roberts, and later was married to Mary S., daughter of George Smith of Hanover; Freelon K., who died at fifteen. Otis and Maria bore the following children, Wm. Henry, who graduated from Bowdoin and became a minister; Dolly M., who lived only to see her twentieth birthday; Norris Dayton, who later married Helen Morton in South Paris; Sarah V. who married J. Percival Richardson; and Marietta, who married a Gilbert from Canton.

It is difficult to choose a point and say there is the stopping point, for, there were many more who made Rumford Point the fine little village it is today, and there are so many that are worthy of mention. However, it is sufficient to say that there has never been a family in the Point who did not do their very best to help the community. It is this striving together that keeps it the ferry, farmed a bit, dealt in a real estate and cattle, engaged in town

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The first settlers coming down river, by canoe, from Concord, N. H., were just naturally brought to shore by the river's quiet current.

It must have been beautiful then, as it is today, but different without the homes and the highway—just a natural bowl, surrounded by softly rolling hills; a large valley of flat intervals, of fertile land, with a background of green pastures and virgin forests—the river bank lined with tall, stately elms, that threw long shadows into the waters.

of land to build within fifteen months, and keep in good running order, one good saw mill and one good grist mill. In 1781, another road was laid out and this meeting was broken up with a frightening Indian raid. All or most of the settlers escaped into Bethel and those that did return, did so only after all fear of Indian raids were passed entirely. In 1790, a new committee was appointed to build a new road from the 'River Amoscooggin to New Andover'.

Then, after 1800, when Rumford was incorporated, the records begin to show its swift progress. The meetings were held and recorded by Francis Keyes, and they are quite complete, for as a town clerk, he was thorough.

The first road was accepted, at the August meeting held at the home of Benjamin Farnum and this road was one beginning at Bethel line on the South side of the river, and running down the river eight and a half miles to a point a little below the then David Farnum place. Another road was described as beginning at the town line, north side of the Great River, at Swift River below Ebenezer's (so called then), to a leaning pine, standing on the bank of the river opposite Mr. Graham's, and these were our first two roads.

Others included the heirs of Abner Fowler, Peter Green, Ebenezer H. Goss, Gustavus Goss, Benjamin Gale, Ebenezer Hall, Moses Hall, David Hall, Richard Inzeltine, Ebenezer Hall Jr., Phillip Kimball, Reuben Kimball, Asa Kimball, Abraham Kimball, Jonathan Merrill, Hannah Osgood, the heirs of Rev. Samuel Phillips, Nathaniel Rolfe, Paul Rolfe, Thomas Stickney, Aaron Stevens, Jonathan Stickney, Caleb Smart, Jonathan Straw, Benjamin Thompson Esq. (better known as Count Rumford who drew six interval lots and six house lots), The heirs of Ebenezer Virgin; Rev. Timothy Walker, James Walker, Charles Walker, Paul Walker, Timothy Walker the III, James McDufford, Robert Davis, Henry Loveland, The Colmans; the minister's lot, the parsonage lot, College lot, and the school lot.

It was voted to build the house on meetings, forty feet square, twelve foot post, and with a hip roof, and Francis Keyes accepted forty dollars for erecting the frame. He accepted \$46 dollars for the boarding and the shingling. The next meeting rolled by and \$30 more was raised for the meeting house and the framework was approved. In 1804, the meeting that was being held at the home of Nathan Huntington was adjourned to the new meeting house and the boarding and the shingling was accepted.

A meeting was held on Sept. 15, 1906 and it was voted to build a bridge across Ellis River near the mouth. It was also voted that the burying yard be cleared, fenced on three sides with logs, and the fourth with boards. At an adjourned meeting it was decided to build the bridge at the point where the river was forded, and that the bridge should be supported on three piers.

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In 1808, it was voted to build a town pound within twenty rods of the meeting house. There was a bridge built across the Androscoggin in 1811 but where is not disclosed. In 1814, it was voted that every man kill his own thistles in an effort to eradicate it entirely. Another bridge was provided for across Ellis and a new road was accepted to connect with the Ellis River Bridge. March 29, 1815, Rev. Daniel Gould was called to settle over the Congregational Church. In 1826, another committee was chosen to rebuild the bridge across Ellis River. And, this time, because of high waters, floods or freshets it was decided to build it elsewhere—but, time lagged on, money was scarce and the bridge was build on the old site.

In 1836, the town authorized funds for the support of the ferries. As the bridges previously built were forever being washed down river, it was hoped that ferries would provide better transportation facilities. In 1843, the town voted to oppose a road asked for across the Androscoggin River at East Rumford, unless assurance that a bridge would never be asked for.

In 1850, it was voted to paint and repair the meeting house at the Center. Then, in 1852, a committee was chosen to look after the rebuilding of this bridge at Ellis River. And, again, the bridge was rebuilt on the site of the old one. One would think that after the hard luck they had with this bridge at that site, it would have been logical to select another location. However, the approaches were there, the road was there, and less expensive than to relocate. In 1857, it was rebuilt and accepted. In 1863, it was time to reshingle the meeting house and the selectmen were directed to furnish ropes and boats for Putnam's ferry and employ some person to send the ferry.

These facts, cold and dry as they may seem, are the facets that shape a village, just as the facets on a diamond make the diamond what it is. The village was formed on the edges of the river, with a little narrow lane leading to the river from the house, possibly a log cabin; then the little lane was joined to the neighbor's lane; then added another, formed a cart road. Little by little, these little lanes were added on to, to get to the ferry, wherever one wished to go, such as to the saw mill or to the grist mill.

The meeting house was built, little by little, shingled and reshingled, throughout the years, and today it is still in use, having been entirely rebuilt as it fell into neglect times.

Gould's Comments
In the History of Rumford, there are two nice descriptions, one of Face Mountain and a description of Split Brook we now know as Coffin Brook. Rev. Daniel Gould described Split Brook thusly:

Spilt Brook rises on the north side of the town among the mountains, empties its waters into the Great River at the Center of the Town. Abraham's Mills are erected there, near the Great River. Here are saw mill and a grist-mill carrying two pairs of stones. The stream is small and affords water only a part of the season; and when the water is high, they are troubled with Back Water from the Great River; therefore, these mills are not very profitable to the owners. It is difficult, also, to make a dam and, as the ground is muddy and

"Glas Face lies near the center of the town, on the road and near the river, and on the north side of it. It is about three hundred feet high, is rocky and steep in front and impassable; it is barren, on its summit. It may be ascended with ease from the north side. There is still some pine timber on the north side of the mountain. This mountain also affords an abundance of blueberries. It is visited by many when the fruit is ripe and affords pleasure and profit to its visitors at this season of the year." These two descriptions were written in 1826.

The same year he describes White Cap like this, "It is situated in the north-westerly part of the town, and lies between Rumford and Andover. It is naked and bare on the top, and hence its name. On the south side, it is very steep, rocky and barren. On the north side, there is an easy ascent to its summit, and is thinly covered with wood. It is about four hundred feet high, and from its summit there are fine and picturesque views of the country and hills in all directions, which fascinates the eyes of the beholder. It is remarkable for the great quantities of blueberries it produces every year. Cartloads of these berries are carried from it every season. When they are ripe, the mountain has many visitors, both for pleasure and profit. This is the most remarkable mountain in town,"

Gould stated, also, "that the Center and lower part of the town, can never make a center for business, owing to the mountains crowding upon them. The Point has the advantage of all these towns for trade and market. At the Great Falls, though a good place for mills and other machinery, yet, it can never make a village, owing to the crowding down of the mountains on either side. 'In 1826, the only roads described are, 'A road from Andover meets the river road at the Centre, but, there is no cross road here or at the lower part of town. The river roads lead to Augusta, Hallowell, Brunswick, etc., but none directly to Portland. The Point has the advantage of all these towns for trade and market.' Well, Rev. Gould was proven wrong, but of course, he couldn't foresee, split - level homes and bull-dozers or well-handled dynamite charges that it took to build Rumford. Or, even the bridges that led to settling in out of the way areas.

He, (Gould) wrote, in 1826, that 'there is a meeting house in the center of town, erected several years ago, but it was never finished and it is much fallen in decay.' He added, 'The Congregationalist' worship in it during the summer months, but during the winter, they hold their meetings alternately in the school houses at each end of the town. It is now in contemplation to erect another meeting house at the Center for the use of those who choose to worship God in it.'

Post Riders.
In Rumford Centre, the first post-office was established August 1, 1849, but previous to that, the mail was carried by a post rider, and he came from Portland, by way of Baldwin, and after distributing the mails to western Oxford, on Monday, he would come by way of Norway to Paris, through Woodstock, then to Rumford Point, Rumford Centre, and then to Rumford.
The mail was supposed to arrive once a week, but lapses were fre-

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lame horse.

The post-rider was quite a sight to behold in those days, and a scorned sight indeed! They travel on horseback, and their mail pouch was strapped to their backs, or behind their saddle. And, the letters on few papers were tucked in their pockets; or slipped in their hands, which they managed to distribute along the route. They were not required to give this service, but, the post offices were far apart, and it was such a convenience to the scattered settlements. The post-rider generally carried a tin horn, and he would blow a blast on it to warn the householders (quite a few rods before he would get to the house,) for, this way the house occupants could rush out and get to the road to snatch the mail as the rider went by. This way he was not delayed.

After the building of the Atlas and Saint Lawrence railroads through Oxford County in 1850 and 1851, the mail became a daily event and a great boon to the citizens.

In 1810, Free-masonry was started in the town, and in 1870, the Blazing Star Lodge was established in Rumford Centre. Previous to the establishing of the Lodge meetings had been held at the home of James M. Dolloff, who kept a tavern in Rumford Centre. October 29, 1828, the meeting house at the centre was solemnly dedicated to the worship of God. Colman Godwin was chosen deacon, but he declined and Daniel Hall was chosen and accepted.

In 1828, Rev. Daniel Gould, in an article written for the *Christian Mirror*, stated that, 'there is building, a new and elegant church edifice at Rumford Center.' As about a revival in religion, he wrote, 'that the whole grace work of the revival was carried on with great solemnity, regularity and order, and was not attended with that blind zeal and enthusiasm that often attends revivals.'

In 1828, the meetings of worship were held alternately, one week at the Point and the next at the Centre. In 1815, Rev. Joseph Lusklin was ordained a deacon, and after serving at Lunenburg, Vermont, and Livermore, Maine, he finally settled on a farm in Rumford Centre, and became a local preacher and for

er. He was often called upon to attend funerals, and to perform marriage ceremony; he is known to have tied more nuptial knots than any other person who ever lived in town.

Dr. Freeman E. Small, commenced practice at Rumford Centre. He married Miss Mary Hoyt in October, 1897, after he graduated from the Maine Medical School. He stayed in Rumford Centre a few years, then moved to Rumford, and later there to Portland, where he enjoyed a very successful practice.

Bears and Wolves
The early settlers were bothered by bears who destroyed their crops and by wolves, who destroyed everything in their path. Lambs, sheep and goats were the favorite prey of bears and wolves.

One of the early settlers, who is nearly remembered by the ancestors of those who knew him, was Mr. Phineas Wood. His home was near Red Hill and he was very

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Pettengill

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A Brief Summary of Historical Growth

The two towns, Dixfield and Mexico, were jointly purchased, quite like Siamese twins, in one tract of thirty thousand and twenty acres of forested, virgin land, on the northerly side of the unpredictable Androscoggin River, which they share with Rumford and West Peru.

Through a subscription dated June 26, 1789, at Sutton, Mass., signed by 25 or more share-holders, this wilderness became the property of Col. Jonathan Holman, for himself and his associates. The entire area was known in various ways, referred to as Holman's Town, or Dixtown, Holmanville. (The Dix was in honor of Dr. Dix of Holland) who was a large shareholder. It was also known as "the Androscoggin Purchase", or Township #1.

The Plan

At the Institution of the Committee for the Sale of Eastern Lands, a plan was drawn up by Samuel Titcomb in Sept., 1789.

The lots were laid out containing 100 acres each, and the land was thus divided into sixty parts, or "rights". Subscribers were generally expected to pledge payment for two or more parts. It is not surprising that many years lapsed before payments were completed and permanent homes, churches, schools and other advancements made.

Mexico Corner

After the incorporation of the town of Dixfield, June 21, 1803, the small settlement at Mexico Corner, where the tributary Swift River joins with the Androscoggin, consisted of only seven widely separated families who had purchased land along the river or upon the rocky hills. These seven pioneer families, struggling to exist in the face of terrible hardships, were the few who assumed the responsibilities of the birth of a new town.

From an old record, the following notation is preserved:

These were the inhabitants of Holman's Town Plantation before Mexico was incorporated into a town. In the year 1808, they sent in a petition to the Honorable House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the abatement of their taxes, (which were only \$11.33!) as they were unable to pay them. Only two or three were able to keep one cow and one swine, in those days. In their petition, quoted: "They pray that they may be exempt from further taxation until in more favorable circumstances and that they may be granted liberty to work out their taxes to make better roads."

Their names, which were to become revered as the century passed, were signed by, Thomas Easton, Joseph Easton, Samuel Knapp, Stephen Barnard, Isaac Gleason, Benjamin Edmunds, and Zebulon Mitchell.

The Background

During the ensuing decade, our country, under our second and third presidents, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, was slowly outgrowing witchcraft and Puritanism, and was experiencing a wave of expansion and the building of mills and factories.

In the War of 1812, naval battles

and skirmishes freed us from English supremacy, and opened the way toward territorial growth in the South and West. Two years previous, in 1812, our down south neighbor, Mexico, had begun open rebellion against Spain, arousing the sympathy of all persecuted people, especially, it seems the small but well-informed community which was soon to discard earlier cognomens, and become the proud little Town of Mexico, incorporated the 226th town in the State of Maine, on February 13, 1818.

\$60 For Schools

Two months later, in April, the town voted to raise \$60 for the support of schools and divided the area into school districts with volunteer teachers, who were not paid. It is likely, in the coin of the realm, but by the crops of the land and an occasional bay of hand-made soap, or freshly-churned butter, and the school rooms were maintained in private homes.

On Dec. 29, 1818, the selectmen of the town of Mexico, appointed a committee to petition the legislature, in agreement with Dixfield, for permission to sell the school lands and ministerial lots, which had been set apart in the original plan of the townships combined in Holman's Town.

From that sale, a sufficient sum was realized by the two towns to establish educational funds of some value. School houses were built, as plain but as practical as possible. There were seven school districts in Mexico by 1894. These buildings served the communities, or sections, of town in many other ways as well, such as for Sunday School, for school board and social group meetings as well as for political discussions, rallies and for voting. If the schoolhouse happened to have a small organ or a piano, singing school was sometimes taught for a term of weeks.

Education In '74

By 1874, there were on record, 150 school pupils, five teachers, (ladies) and five schools in session thirty weeks during the year, weather permitting. Attendance was irregular, owing to the inability of some families to provide proper clothing, conveyance, and spare time, during the busy seasons on their farms. Child labor was a common interference in school attendance. In the ungraded schools of early times, discipline was too often a major problem. Male teachers were often employed, especially during the winter months and corporal punishment was often severe in order to obtain proper obedience. Female teachers usually taught only during the summer terms and received an average payment of \$2.25 a week!

They were usually boarded free of charge, several homes taking turns in this responsibility.

As the town outgrew some of its growing pains, and became ever more prosperous, these distasteful schools grew shabby and old-fashioned, outgrowing their facilities; then, gradually they were replaced so that by the year 1894, the town boasted of two larger and better schools. One of these was meagerly equipped to start a free high school.

Abbott School

In 1894 and 1895, a more modern,

larger building was erected on land donated by Mrs. Ann Abbott, in memory of her husband, Dr. Vick Abbott, and the financial support of a high school was assured, at a town meeting.

The well-known State Superintendent, Mr. Payson Smith, was one of the first superintendents of Mexico schools.

On the night before Christmas, 1906, this fine new school house burned to the ground. However, two years later, another was completed to replace it, even larger and finer and again was named Abbott School. Additional land had also been donated by William Day and Mr. George W. Ridlon, for whom a hotel was later named, and a Post Office at the lower end of Main Street. For many years, the town was thus divided, even after the so-called "Ridlonville" postoffice was abolished.

Fire Protection

In the interest of fire protection, a group of public-spirited citizens organized into the first Mexico Fire Department on April 18, 1908. Mr. Frank Perkins was appointed to be the first Fire Chief.

The records of this loyal and competent group of men has been faithfully kept in a log by Mr. Clayton Turner.

Churches of Mexico

Services of worship were faithfully attended in a Union Hall, in which Walton Lodge, K of P, later made its headquarters and still occupies for this purpose on Main Street. Several other religious groups held their services in private homes. There is strong evidence of a devout following of the Seventh Day Adventists and a number of Christian Scientists in the town, midway in the 1800's. An outgrowth of the Ladies Temperance Band and the Mexico Circle was of the sentiment that a House of Worship should be erected, and maintained purely and solely for church services -- thus was born the building committee, May 1889, which planned the first church in town, the chapel, which was later to become a large Baptist Church. It was built of lumber furnished by Daniel A. Austin, who cut the first tree used in the framework of the beautiful and beloved Chapel on the Hill, besides the Mexico Corner Cemetery. A First Baptist society was formed in 1903, at the time when the Congregational group of 67 members was raising the funds necessary for the erection of their church, on land presumably owned by good Dr. Vick Abbott, who spent his life in the ways of the old country practitioners, serving mankind in Mexico as well as in Rumford, Dixfield, and all around.

The corner stone of the Congregational or "Green Church" was laid on June 15, 1903. Four years later, a memorial service was held, within the completed edifice, for Edwin Gleason, whose exemplary life and work merited the honor. He was a direct descendant of one of the original seven town fathers, Isaac Gleason. A Catholic Church society soon began work upon the foundation of a church and a parochial school to be dedicated to Saint Theresa. Today, this edifice is still of simple design, inside and out, as in the olden style, but, with one of the nicest outside shrines seen anywhere in the State.

Grange

A new group, who were interested in improvement of farm homes and which earlier attended meetings in Dixfield, formed an organization of Patrons of Husbandry, which was named Swift River Grange. With 33 charter members, "all good substantial farmers, and farmer's wives and daughters", they held their first meeting and elected officers on Feb. 17, 1875.

The Grangers rented a hall for many years, before they were financially able to build their own. On Oct. 5, 1922, a special meeting was held with ceremonies for the dedication of their new home, the Mexico Grange Hall. The Knights of Columbus now own this hall, and Swift River Grange meets in the former Walton School House.

High School

In 1938, a modern and spacious high school building was completed, through the benevolence of Mr. William Bingham. More recently, a Junior High School building is being finished, and is already in use, located on Parker Street, adjacent to the New High School.

Library

Since about the year 1920, the citizens of Mexico, have enjoyed the facilities of their own public library, which is centrally located on Main Street. This attractive building also maintains a children's reading room, on the lower floor, with a Junior Librarian at the desk.

Municipal Building

A few steps from the Mexico Public Library is the Municipal Building, a new modern structure, with offices on the first floor and a large basement, ample for the voting booths, tables and kitchen and seating capacity for political, Farm Bureau, Scouts or other meetings.

Post Office

Mexico's new Post Office was formally opened to the public in 1961 on Riverside Avenue, near Mexico Corner.

Oxford Paper Company

The Oxford Paper Company in Rumford, provides employment for many Mexico citizens. Occupations have changed and farming has become of less importance, locally, than construction and manufacturing, buying and selling. A few saw mills continue to operate, and there are still enormous forests, although some sources of lumber and pulp have been depleted, the Oxford resorting to maintain their own woodlots in Canada and Northern Maine, so-called "Stetson Lands".

Gone forever are the two cheese factories, and the grist mill, once located on the Swift River, also gone is the hop industry. Gone are the blacksmith's shops, and the railroad tracks, the livery stables and the watering troughs, where Joy's Garage is now. Stevens had the livery stables and rented horses as well as carriages to the trade.

Unchanged is the fine view of Mt. Zircron from the hills of Mexico. From the principal elevations, Mann, Thompson and Poplar Hills, and the steep inclines of Penley Hill, the town of Rumford seems like a toy village as we look down over the mills and the log piles, on the other side of the river. With field glasses we can tell the time of day by the clock on the top of the Rumford Municipal Building. At sunset, Mt. Zircron's tower shines like a star!

From the Back Kingdom Road, looking towards Carthage and Weld, Mt. Blue can be seen, distinguished by its tower, among the distant foothills of the Appalachian Range. Also, in the Back Kingdom, Half-Moon Pond lies unseen, hidden in the swamp. It is the natural haunt of many kinds of wild life. The swamp drains, eventually,

through brooks that join Webb's, another tributary of the Androscoggin, along the eastern boundary of the town.

The road from the Back Kingdom area towards Dixfield, on the side of Mann Hill, has long been discontinued. Once there were tilled farms along that road. On farms, prosperous, followed slopes, the southern fertile side of Mann Hill, on a road that still be traced in back of the course, all the way to the Webb's, and over a small bridge, Dixfield.

Those farms have long since been allowed to go back to Nature, well as the former road, leaving only a faint trail and tall-tale trees, stone walls, once so plentiful, of yesteryear.

There were farms established across the top of Thompson Hill, with a similar road, now abandoned, and where once there were pastures, there now woodlots, the cattle are no longer grazed there.

There is a reservoir in the Thompson Hill area, which supplies the Town of Mexico with pure water in never-failing supply, through the efforts of the Mexico Water District.

Swimming

The absence of a lake, a place for summer recreation, is partially relieved by the popularity of a known shallow pool in Swift River known as the "ABC" or the "C" and also on the Rumford side of the river one known as "Stetson's" swimming hole, so-called because it is located near the site of Scotty Richardson, whose ancestors were among the town's settlers.

At Scotty's the children congregate for bathing and to learn to swim as the Red Cross holds regular swimming classes here in summer, teaching both swimming and safely in swimming.

Formerly, there was a covered bridge over the river not too far from there, near the Fred Poole Farm. It is said to have been blown down during a terrible hurricane, and was never restored.

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Town of Bethel

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and it has been reported that an old has been found in the New area.

Skiing Popular

The two skiways near Bethel have caused considerable interest. Sunday River Skiway, which began in 1958, was organized by a committee of the Bethel Development Corporation. The way is located on Berker Mountain in Newry and has two T-bar rope tow, ski lodge and large parking area.

Mount Abram Ski Slope is operated by the Cross Brothers, Bethel, Norton, Donald, and S. This was established in 1960. This skiway has two T-bars, a ski rink, a ski lodge and large parking area.

Today, Bethel has a population of 2,408 and is a well kept, attractive and thriving town. The town is growing and strengthened and is visited by many tourists. It has many active community organizations, and its natives, every one are proud of its contents.

Mexico

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there, possibly, a covered bridge, at the so-called "covered bridge" hole? There are bridge elements there. The hole is a hole in the road, by an avenue, a short distance up Swift River Road, in Mexico, and from Gleason Street, or this not too far from the A. Field which was recently pre- to the Mexico School. By Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Park, of Roxbury, Road, This Athletic is in a natural bowl, and a football game that will be played in honor of the book, last when Mexico beat Rumford in a classic football game, after a long opponent after opponent all year.

so, the Mexico High School under Anna Crouse, certainly done Mexico proud, for many years, in all their appearances.

Town Builders

W. H. Reed was a successful German and mill owner, who re- in Mexico. His parents were and Mary Ann Stockbridge, of Byron, at fifteen, left to pursue a two year's course at Normal School, in Farmington, and attended Bowdoin College where he was a classmate of resident Pierce. In 1890 he was the birth and long lumber in Roxbury. He used to own where Rumford Falls is located but sold it previous to 1892, married Miss Abbie F. Saun- of Livermore and their chil- were Mary L., Martha C., line S. and Elmer L. Besides a Town Clerk, he was active in politics and Mexico honors him naming a street, or avenue for

George W. Ridlon, one of the finest men of Mexico's past, born in Woodstock, his parents and Eliza J. Thibault Ridlon, engaged in the poultry business, Roxstock and Washburn County, then returned to farming and breeding. Later, he traveled for Poney Chair Co. and became a member of this firm. He traveled a grocery firm, then sold out interests.

1894, he purchased a large of the best land on the An- oggin River and organized the Ridlon Land Co. This land, which was located in Mexico, a small island, containing two, had been laid out in build- ings, then. The company erected cottages and Hotel Ridlon. The buildings formed a little set- ent, which is called Ridlonville. Ridlon was at this time, Presi- of the Rumford Falls Brick- having been one of the organ- Note: In Ridlonville today in of the new Credit Union Build- are signs of the old Brick-

married Gerie Owen of stock. They had one son, cla- L., before she died, in 1935. was married a second time in to Winnie E. Fuller, and they a daughter, Bertha A. And onville is still proud of this name and honor him by ing the name Ridlonville, the he liked it.

Harry W. Park was a prosper- merchant in Mexico and a well- political figure. Born in Dix- he was the son of Isaac and

Emmeline Smith Park, natal date March 13, 1834, in Dixfield. He worked for his father in the gen- eral store in Carthage until he was 18, then, went to Boston where he worked as a salesman for a cloth- ing concern. Later he went in for carpentry, then, in 1859, he rented a farm in Mexico and not liking this trade, he moved to Mexico Corner. He purchased a store which he ran successfully until 1864. He went to Washington, DC, where he worked as clerk of the Ordnance Department until the close of the Civil War, then returned to Mexico, opened up his store and did a flourishing business until his death. He was a correspondent for the local papers, was Town Treas- urer for 25 consecutive years, served as Crier of the Courts, Sec- retman of Mexico, and Representa- tive.

He was married three times. The first wife was Ellen R. Phelps, of Dixfield, whom he married in 1857, and when she died in August 1862, he was left with Albert Dexter and Henrietta. His second wife was formerly Miss Ellen C. Reed, of Mexico, whom he married July 3, 1865, and she died in 1875, leaving a son, Ellery C., who moved to Bethel to become a lawyer. Then, he was wedded to Enna L. Gleason in August, 1875, and they had four children, Helena O., Lucy E., both became teachers; Henry W. Jr., and Eva Grace.

Sewall Goff

Sewall Goff was a first class farmer in Mexico, having the dis- tinction of having been the first white child born in Auburn, on Jan. 15, 1824. His parents were James Jr. and Rachel Brown Goff, and his grandfather was James Goff Sr., who served as a patriot soldier dur- ing the Revolutionary War, becoming a sergeant at 15.

In 1863, he bought a fine agricul- tural estate on Swift River Road and he was the largest taxpayer in town for many years. He was a selectman for many years. On March 4, 1845 he married Miss Sarah Ham of Lewiston, Me., and their children were Marcia, who died at 26; Wallace, who lived to be seventeen; Sewall, who died an infant; Albion, Rachel, Sadie, and Julia. Albion Goff was also a farmer who loved the homestead and cared for the land; Julia, married R. L. Taylor, a resident of Mexico; Rachel married F. R. Reed, civil engineer, of Rumford Falls; and Sadie married John Reed, farmer and mill owner.

James R. Tucker, became the proprietor of the Ridlon Hotel in 1895. He had quite an experience during the Civil War. He joined Company B, Second Mass. Battery, serving for three years and a month, and when participating at Mansfield's Cross Road, his horse was shot from under him. He was in the first encounter in Vicksburg, in the Pleasant Hill fight, and the siege of Fort Hudson.

A Spanish Mexico man was Milo Mitchell, son of Jonathan and Har- nah E. Phelps Mitchell. His grandfather, Zebediah, a native of Connecticut, was one of the first settlers, building on the family farm from that day to this. Milo married Miss Crag E. Edwards, of Roxbury.

There are so many more that are worthy of mention, men who

Upton: Indians Were There First

Upton was originally known as Letter B. The first road was built in 1804, the Coos Road being changed at that time from Andover to Gratton and over the B Hills to Errol, N.H.

The first settlers, it is believed, began clearing the land between 1820 and 1840 and in the year 1860 it was incorporated under the name of Upton, the date February 9.

Indian names in the town and surrounding areas come from the tribe of Abenakis whose camps- sites were all about, Metallic Island was named after the famous

chopped the trees to clear the land; the men who labored hard on the farms, before the advent of the mill-men who were the backbone of the town, even though most of them never hardly saw a dollar of ready cash.

Recently, a tourist car stopped off at a local restaurant, in which there were seated two people from New York State. The woman spoke in quite a broken English with a German accent, and she told of how beautiful were the farms in her part of the state of New York and how poor our fields looked— not hardly a piece plowed to potatoes or carrots — she was astounded by the pocket-handkerchief size of our little backyard gardens. She and her husband added that the area around here was the poorest they had ever seen. They were farmers and loved the land and it hurt them to see all this land lay idle under a sea of grass. They thought we must be awfully poor not to be able to buy tools to farm with. At this the owner of the res- taurant, spoke, reassuring the couple with these words, "Oh, no, we are not poor! True, we do not farm now, as we used to when the land was first settled, but the mill in town here pays even the janitors more money in a month than your farm pays you in profits in a year. I'll bet, or you get your meal free!" It was true, the couple fig- ured on an average a very good living on the farm, but the profits were way under the figure quoted by that restaurant owner.

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Maine Indian, Metallak, about whom many tales and legends have been told and retold, (some of them have previously appeared in the Times) and of course, Moll's Rock and Carry was named after the well known Mollockett, whose grave in the Andover cemetery is frequently visited and whose white headstone, is even now, at times decorated with flowers by some unknown person.

Wild Country

The early homes were, of course, log cabins. One of the early sports- men who began coming to the area when the railroad was built to Bethel, sometime in the 1850's, stopped at the home of one Nathaniel Mardon, a one-room log cab- in, and noticed the garden with the few hills of potatoes, sort of planted here and there among the stumps, rocks and trees and, he asked, how they managed to live. This was on the shores of Lake Umbagog, and in those times be- fore the land was cleared, it was wild country.

Nathaniel Mardon, replied, non- chalantly, "Got a half of a porcu- pine in the shed, and I know where there's another!"

Charles Heywood remarks that his great grandfather lived across the lake from Mardon's and knew of some interesting tales concern- ing the area, which he hopes to publish in book form, soon.

Today in Upton, farming has all but disappeared as a way of life. There is some lumbering going on, but Upton is really becoming a summer retreat for the descend- ants of the early settlers.

Tale of Metallak

When Metallak lived at Umba- gog Lake, he was greatly bothered by a trap stealer. Jones was an old trapper who wasn't above steal- ing from another's traps, even tak- ing the traps as well. Metallak, keen as he was, could not seem to catch the fellow, so he kept watch- ing and watching. One night, he caught the boulder red-handed! Jones was removing a nice fat ot- ter from Metallak's trap!

Metallak walked quietly up to Jones, leaned his gun against a near-by tree, took hold of Jones and threw him bodily down to the ground. Then, he put his brawny moccasined foot squarely on the fellow's stomach while he reached over to a tree, snapped off a good- sized limb, and gave the trap-rus- tler a good sound thrashing. The two never spoke of the incident, but later Jones, in relating the in- cident, said, "It was as if an elephant had stepped on me!"

One day, Metallak's two sons vi- sited him, coming through by way of Farmachene and thereby an interesting tale ensues. One of Met- talak's sons remained behind to trap with his father; Olumbo, was his name. He had been living in Canada, and the Maine woods soon dulled for him and he decided to leave, taking with him all the furs in the cache, that Metallak and he had taken together. He was well up the lake when Metallak realized what Olumbo had done.

He sprang into his canoe and fu- giously headed up the Lake. Soon he spied Olumbo with his canoe weighted down low in the water with his furs. Six miles to the head of the Lake, and although Olumbo had a good head start, he was no match for his father, for just as he reached the shore at the head of the Lake, Metallak overtook him, jumped into the canoe and gave him a trouncing. In the scuffle, the canoe was overturned, and Olumbo got a good ducking as well. He ran into the woods empty handed. Metallak packed the furs into his canoe and paddled back to camp.

Lately, of course, since the ad- vent of rock hounds, much Inter-

est has been shown in the Upton area.

Asbestos Deposit

It has been reported that under Umbagog Lake is an enormous amount of asbestos and the rock hounds are at it. There has been much activity for years and it has been thought that one day it would be a good idea to send divers down to see whether it was worth going after it, even if they had to drain the lake.

There is a story here that has to be told, as it is such a part of the country that it can't be left out.

There is a ghost on the lake, a lonely grey ghost. He is on the lake in his canoe and a few have glimpsed the ghostly white bark canoe being paddled by a very tall figure, an Indian, skillfully and silently maneuvering the canoe.

Some claim it is Metallak. He loved the Lake, knew every inch of it intimately and buried his wife on an island on the Lake. He loved Oozaluc very dearly and when he died, he had to embalm her him- self and no was very watchful that nothing ever happened to her body. It is told that he is still watching over her.

The men who fish the water of the lake claim that if they had good luck it was because Metallak helped them, and if they have a poor catch it is because the ghost of the lonely Indian drove the fish away.

Upton, in the winter, is a small town, almost a ghost town. The people are quiet, lead uncluttered lives and wait for summer. In the warm months, the Lake is covered with boats, and swimmers, fisher- men and rockhounds. The vaca- tioners arrive early and stay late, and then as the Lake closes up for the winter, so does the town. But the winter season is short, for the fishing season sees the first of the tourists and the town is alive again and in full swing.

This is Upton, then, a town of quiet beauty, with a thousand and one stories to tell and Stephen Vin- cent said it in his poem, "But just remember this about, Our ances- tors so dear; They didn't find an empty land. The Indians were here."

Rumford Will Have One Of Most Modern Hospitals

A major construction project now under way in Rumford, Maine, is the erection of a new wing for the Rumford Community Hospital, plus modernization of much of the existing hospital building. Comple- tion of the project in late 1963 will give Rumford one of the most mod- ern hospitals in the State of Maine.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held on June 25, 1962 and immedi- ately the work of removing earth and ledge rock to provide a base- ment and foundation for the new wing was started.

A building contract for the new wing and alterations to the old sec- tion of the hospital for \$1,163,822 was signed at the Nurse's Home in Rumford on October 30, 1962. Charles L. Ferguson, president of the board of directors of the Rum- ford Community Hospital, signed on behalf of the hospital. James H. Ritchie and Associates are the ar- chitects and engineers and Con- solidated Constructors, Inc., are doing the construction.

The new wing will house new surgical, emergency and X-ray de- partments and will have beds for 71 adult and child patients. It will be connected floor by floor with the present building. A new maternity department with beds for 15 pa- tients and 18 bassinets will be in the present building. This will give the hospital a total capacity of 84 beds.

At present the rated capacity is 54, although at times of emergen- (Continued On Page 8A)

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The South Andover Post Office has a history dear to all of us born in South Andover, and of great historical value to those who like history and statistics.

Our great-grandfather, Holton Abbott was one of the early settlers of Andover, and for him and his contemporaries, mail was received by horseback and at very uncertain intervals. The post-riders carried the mail pouches strapped to the saddle and letters were tucked in their hats and pockets for those en route. He was a welcome sight and visitor.

Later, Andover got a post office, around the year 1824, with Sylvanus Poor as one of the first postmasters.

The first postmaster at South Andover Post Office was my grandfather, Phillip Abbott, who started at that work in about the year 1850.

When the mail came in, the neighbors gathered for a social visit, until the mail was handed out. Barbara Cushman told of her father, Charles Cushman, going to Grandfather's for the mail and playing baseball with Uncle Herbert.

When a change of political parties occurred some years later the office was moved to the next farm, at James Stevens'. The office remained for a good number of years and we recall so readily, the room where the mail was kept, and distributed, that we called "The Room". We were greatly in awe of this room.

The date is unsure, but, Phillip Hoyt went to East Andover, to get the mail, but it was sometimes between the closing of Stevens place and it being placed at the so-called South Andover store, where Uncle Hiram Abbott was the postmaster for many years. From the early 1800's until 1910, when his death occurred.

During this period mail came from Bryant Pond and we can hear now the rattle of the wheels, from far below us, and how we rushed to the road to wave to Mr. Tuttle, the jovial driver of the stage coach, drawn by the four horses. His long lash whip fascinated us! Of course, there was no delivery. This was in the early 1890's.

From 1910 to 1912, the post office remained at the store, and Mrs. Haverson, a niece of Hanson Hodgman, who was the store keeper, was the postmistress. When Miss Haverson returned to the West, the office was again taken to the Abbott Farm and Stephen Abbott was Postmaster and our mother, Esther Akers Abbott, his assistant.

The office remained there until 1922, when again it returned to its former home, the South Andover store, where Stephen Abbott was assistant. The office was there until summer of 1938, when rural delivery was put on from Rumford Point. The delivery was from the Point to the Rees Homestead. Quite a change from when the stage came from Bryant Pond to South Andover, changed after that, to Rumford.

The South Andover Post Office had the following Postmasters: Holton Abbott, James Stevens, Phillip Hoyt, (a carrier) Hiram Abbott, Miss Haverson and Stephen C. Abbott. The office was twice located at the Abbott farm and twice at the store.

There is something inspiring about looking into the past, at the days of the stagecoach. Life was not as full as now, but we knew then the wonderful friendliness of a handshake or a nod, and neighborliness, and a truth of selfless interest what we miss in these busy days.

We've travelled a bit in memory in South Andover, by the way. We've harked to the days of the

Luce Oil Company

Tel. 364-2158 Rumford
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BETHEL — Established in 1960, the Luce Oil company is a fast-growing business, already a byword in Bethel and Rumford. Luce Oil, which has so efficiently serviced a great number of furnaces, installed and cleaned so many burners, even in the middle of a cold night, has done best, when conditions were worst. Business has progressed as more people heard about their service. There is no doubt, that the friendly and efficient Luce employees are well-liked, and the gleaming clean, neat trucks, as well as the "neat as a pin" offices are all a credit to the communities as well as to the employees.

The owners are the Farmington Oil Co., in Farmington and the manager is energetic Richard Childs. The employees at Luce at the present time, in Rumford, are Herbert Enman and Edgar Galant; and in Bethel, Roger Luce, Mike Seman, Harold Young, Syl LeClair, Neil Merrill, Charles Merrill, Clyde Knight and Frank Gilson.

Among many services Luce Oil includes selling fuel oils, gasoline, motor oil, industrial oil; complete hot air and hot water heating installations and service.

Their slogan, "Service is Our Business" is well known, an accepted fact. They actually mean it when they advertise expert burner service for 24 hours a day, for many a family has sighed with relief, when calling the Luce Co., to hear these comforting words, "I'll be right over!"

Andover Wood Products

ANDOVER — The ingenuity of Maine people is boundless as is evidenced in the Andover Wood Products plant, Maine is famous for its woods and mountains, its great forests, and its lakes and streams. And so, with all this abundance of Nature, a by-product of Nature, lumber was put to good use.

The Andover Wood Products, Inc., puts out a line of furniture parts — yellow birch and rock maple edge-glued, solid hardwood stagecoach.

As it merrily wended its way, With thanks to the days long past And back in the golden memories That forever and aye, shall last. 'Twas an event to be present when the stage arrived; to gaze with open mouths and eyes aghast! To see all the passengers, who to us seemed as from another world! To see the matched horses drink from the watering trough and to receive a cheery greeting from the driver—a real event in our quiet lives!

Hospital

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by doubling up and using corridors the capacity has been boosted to 60.

The greater part of the funds for the new wing and modernization was raised by public subscription in Rumford and northern Oxford County.

In a fund raising campaign held between November 1st and November 20th in 1961 a total of \$107,303 was pledged for the construction project. This was made up of: Doctors Committee \$34,690; Corporation Committee \$283,910.50 (of which \$228,375 was contributed by the Oxford Paper Company); Memorial Committee \$193,763.25; Hospital Employees Committee \$5,086.17; and the Towns Committee (including employees of the Oxford Paper Company) \$207,858.37.

Maine And Oxford County May Have Great Future As Source Of Valuable Strategic Metals

The State of Maine is widely known as a source of almost every kind of mineral and gem stone, and Oxford County is one of the best known for that resource.

Oxford County beryl, tourmaline, gold, amethyst, pegmatite, feldspar and other minerals are much sought after for industry and the jewelry trade, and collectors, amateur and professional geologists and mineralogists are attracted to the county in great numbers to prospect for minerals.

There are many mines in the county, some inactive, others producing, and the gem shop and roadside display of mineral specimens are seen in many parts of the county.

Perham Store

One of the best known gem shops is that at Trap Corner, West Paris, owned by Stanley Perham, who for 40 years or more has mined, sold mineral specimens, cut gems and jewelry, has served as consultant, and is generally an authority on mineralogy, more specifically as it applies to Maine and to Oxford County.

Strategic Metals

Now it appears that Maine, and that includes the county, may have

mension, for furniture in sizes 4/4, 5/4, and 6/4.

Andover Woods Products has its own sawmill, sawing 2 1/2 million feet a year. It also purchases a million feet of outside lumber. They have three Moore kilns with 100,000 feet capacity, heated storage for 150,000 feet. The plant is equipped with two Porter automatic cut-off saws, two glue wheels, two 36" Whitney planers, one electric fork-lift with 2,500 pounds capacity which is used in the panel mill, one face plane, one straight planer, and four 202 Mattison rip-saws. These are a part of the major machinery.

Employed at the plant at present are Joseph Arnold, Roland Barker, Leonide Brault, Raymond Chase, Rosalre Charlier, Clarence Conrad, Ivan Conrad, Joseph Cote, Malcolm Cushing, Joseph Dube, Louis Duquay, Robert Dunn, Fernand Favreau, Edgar Garand, James Senneff Jr., Carmela Harrigan, Archer Hutchins, Edward Hutchins, Everett Hutchins, James Hutchins, Robert Hutchins, John Jodrey, John Jodrey Jr., Jean Laurendeau, Mark Laurendeau, Philbert Laurendeau, Thomas Learned, Daniel LeBlanc, Lucien Leroux, Edward Littlehale, Thomas Lombard, Albro McCulloch, Harold McCulloch, William McDougall, Armand Michaud, George Morton, Hanson Morton, Owen Morton, Maurice Palmer, Delma Parker Jr., Rene Plante, Henry Poulin, Romain Poulin, Laurent Poulin, Francis Remington Jr., Jean Roy, L. B. Sidelinger, Wilfred Turgeon, Yves Belanger, Melvyn Wilson, Charles Burnham, Elton Coolidge, Raymond Bouffard, Horace Goodrum, Guy Burnham, Placide Bolduc, Paul E. Bolduc, Alfred Plante, Eric Wright and Elizabeth Swan.

a future as an important source of strategic metals and raw materials.

Maine's place in the picture, as concerns such materials, and something of its importance as a state containing great mineral resources, was delineated very thoroughly in an address given recently at the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club by William R. Barton, geologist with the Office of Mineral Resources, U. S. Bureau of Mines, College Park, Maryland.

Mr. Barton presented a summary of what the Bureau of Mines has been doing and further hopes to accomplish by investigating the resources of beryl and associated elements and minerals in the State of Maine, particularly in Oxford County.

Mr. Barton spoke briefly and then answered questions asked by members of the audience.

The bulk of his address follows:

Lightly Prospected

Maine is a relatively lightly prospected State which many engineers and geologists, including myself, feel has a future as an important source of strategic metals such as nickel, cobalt, copper and beryl and of industrial raw materials like asbestos and sulphur.

Our present work in this area is part of the Bureau of Mines comprehensive study of the resources, mining, beneficiation, and extractive metallurgy of all domestic beryl. Our component of this continuous study is the beryl resources existing in the northeastern United States. The project is under the general cognizance of Wilton T. Millar, Chief of the Bureau of Mines Office of Mineral Resources at College Park, Maryland and under my personal supervision as Project Leader. Mr. Millar by the way is no stranger to Maine having been associated with many Bureau of Mines exploration projects in the State including those at Black Mountain and at the Bumpus Quarry.

Field Work

Field work has been conducted in three general stages during the past five years:

1st: A general reconnaissance to select most favorable areas.
2nd: More detailed study and sampling of favorable areas to select specific deposits worthy of exploration projects.

3rd: Thorough exploration by diamond drilling with contemporaneous trace element studies and structural analysis to determine conditions of deposit formation. The latter two scientific studies are intended to develop valid new guides to ore bodies and save time and effort during future prospecting.

The Appalachian Trail is becoming known as the Longfellow Trail by many who prefer the new name. Seems more like Maine somehow, and all Maine people like to add their part to the building of its history.

Oxford County is rich in minerals and listed are a few of the better known: Bumpus Mine, near Albany.

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Shoe Industry
Large business in making boots shoes was developed at an ear- by Solomon S. Hall, who at- of his career, turned out 1,000 pairs per year.
In this start the manufacture in Norway has been an im- industry and since 1872, the town voted to build a fac- in modern principles and the Spinnery & Co. of Lynn, Mass. here, it has been the chief- of the town, since.
Way National Bank was char- in February 1872.

Woodworking Plants
Working industries have been ill are prominent in the econ- of Norway. In 1860, C. B. and Sons Co. marked one- years as a family enter- which was started in 1860 late Charles Bradley Cum- who opened a cabinet shop began the manufacture of fur- in a building on upper Main- In 1870 he began the manu- of clotheings at Steep

few years that business was to A. L. F. Pike and the old machine shop was bought on of the mills on the stream the company manufactured books, shoe boxes and dowels. boxes were sold to the local factory; the other products sent to all parts of the coun- and sulphur.

Cummings began making stock about that time, heels the main product. These too sold to local factory. In 1898 enterprise was discontinued.
After buying the Evans ma- shop, C. B. Cummings hired sawmill at the foot of the and got out long and short r. There was a grist mill on same premises and that was red, grain and feed becoming ch of the rapidly growing as.

the grist mill was vacated, er secured and the business ued. In the great Norway fire the grist mill box and leath- were burned. Then, the house and mill near the depot ould. Lumber mills were re- on the Evans site and today a, more modern dowl mill ated here. The founders' five have all passed on, Edwin S. the last. Today, C. B. Cum- 's grandsons and great-grand- are carrying on the well- enterprise, despite the com- of plistics.

The Lake
Pennesseewassee (Norway has been and is one of the great natural assets. Its are lined with cottages, with from all over the eastern- as well as this locale; out-of-staters stay in their- here for short periods in- ter.
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ing could be better, especial- types of fish. In the 1920's fine red-spot trout were from this "lake under the

hill", but today's anglers catch brown trout and some bass, a good game fish.

Robbery of 1867
Two events come to mind when one runs through the course of his town's history to date; these are the bank robbery of 1867 and the great fire of 1894.
Let's take a closer look at each occurrence.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 22, 1867, the store of Lee Mixer, now the Advertiser - Democrat office, was found to have been entered, the night before and the safe, containing books, papers and funds of the Norway Savings Bank, blown open and its contents carried away.

Charles C. Sanderson, a village lawyer and trustee of the Norway Savings Bank, discovered the bur- glary and noted that the fresh tracks of a horse and wagon load- ing out of town toward Oxford could be followed because of a strange shaped shoe.

He at once started pursuit and traveled all the way to Portland, seeing signs of the team all along the way. Mr. Sanderson returned home and the next morning started for Boston, putting the case in the hands of J. S. Hunt who ran a de- tective agency. Hunt, a subordinate and Sanderson went to the RR sta- tion, watching everyone who went thru the gate, headed westward.

They barely missed two of the thieves who boarded the train at a street crossing. On the way to Springfield, Mass., the officers and Sanderson again missed the rob- b; as they passed thru the train; the were disguised.

Finally, one of the criminals was recognized but allowed to travel on to New York City. One of the trio, a "Doctor" Young of Nashua, N. H. had gone to his home from Great Falls, where the trio parted com- pany. T. F. Young, who had been seen in Norway for a week or more before the robbery, planned the job. He was soon apprehended, tried and sentenced to nine years hard labor at Thomaston.

Total stolen funds were \$3- 946.70. The notes and papers were discovered as Moore indicated in a diagram, about two miles from the Auburn bridge on the road from Gray Corner. Young implicated his two cronies; they went into hiding for many months.

Norway bank officials got re- quisition papers from Gov. Joshua Chamberlain for their arrest. Sand- erson and Detective Wormell of Bethel went to New York to ap- prehend the two, but they arrested a man resembling one of the thieves and the newspapers caused such a stir about false arrest that the lawmen left the city in a hur- ry.

Eventually, a "go-between" re- turned to New York and reported to the robbers. After three of these trips, the money was delivered to the bank officials and the robbers at New York were released from any liability the bank had against them.

The Great Fire
The great fire of May 9, 1894 destroyed the C. B. Cummings & Sons box factory and paste plant shop, the tannery, the Opera House, Congregational Church, about 80 dwelling houses and other struc- tures, and about 120 shade trees.
During the year five large brick blocks, several stores, the Congre- gational Church, and some 50 dwell-

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claims that the greater part of Pa- ris Hill was sold at one time for an iron kettle, but Mr. Maxim (Silas P. Maxim) was inclined to treat the story as a myth. John Daniels felled the first trees in town. He was a squatter on the land of Lem- uel Jackson. The latter paid him for the improvements he had made, when Daniels took up the farm af- terwards occupied by Deacon Joel B. Thayer.

Following the incorporation there was a gradual, healthy development of the town, but due to the limited means of transportation and com- munications, the expansion was of necessity comparatively slow as judged by our modern standards.

Hub - Paris Hill
The village of South Paris, as such, had not come into existence except for a portion of the section east of the river and the present Hill Street, there being more houses at that time in this east-of-the-riv- er section than in the entire west- of-the-river section.

The center of population was Pa- ris Hill. Having been selected as the shire town of Oxford County, the court house and jail and coun- ty offices were located there and continued there until the present courthouse was built in South Paris in 1895.

The newspaper was printed "on the hill" and the Paris Manufac- turing Company plant was first lo- cated there. With the development of the water power at Stowell's Mills and the building of the bridge there, that section of the town be- gan to grow.

Probably the greatest contribut- ing factor to the development of the South Paris Village area was the building of the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad (Grand Trunk or Canadian National). This hap- pened around 1847 or 1848 and at one time the terminal or "rail head" was located at South Paris. As was to be expected, the settle- ment of population began to concen- trate on the line of the railroad.

At one time there was quite a concentration of population in the Bolster and Robinson districts and around Brimstone Corner. The Con- gregational Church was first lo- cated there and the schoolhouse was also in the area. As a matter of fact, for quite a number of years the school children of what was then the South Paris Village area had to travel the mile and one-half ings were built.

Quick recovery from so great a conflagration in a place of Nor- way's size was almost without pre- cedent.

There is always change. The shade trees along Main Street are fast disappearing; automobiles are increasing. Gone is the village blacksmith, the harness shop, the old-fashioned rambling homes with cupolas, the candy store.

The Beals Inn, (Beals House) (Beals Tavern), (Hotel Stone) has recently been razed to make way for a parking lot, as has the Maxim Block opposite the Advertiser of- fice.

Norway can be most proud of Stephens Memorial Hospital, which serves a large surrounding area; and Norway Memorial Library, a fine institution of learning, waiting to serve many who never open its doors.

At the start of another year, one might wish that the Town of Nor- way would gain more industry, more new streets, housing, and as would naturally follow, an increase in population. Perhaps, a more for- ward-looking gaze into the future would be helpful. Where have we been and where are we going?

A backward glance tells us that difficulties and hardships of bygone days, even though they were great- er and cruder, were overcome by men of vision, perseverance, and a strong desire to promote the com- mon good.

or so distance to the Number One Bolster District schoolhouse to at- tend school.

The so-called Stowell's Mills at the east end of the Billings Bridge was originally built as a woolen textile manufactory, but eventually became a flour and grist mill. The lower or down-river half of the long building was occupied by the Ma- son Manufacturing Company when they first came to town and they continued there until the big fire of 1906 at which time the building was entirely destroyed. After the fire the Mason Company bought, cleared and rebuilt a bigger factory on the lot on Pine Street where the present A. C. Lawrence Tan- nery is located.

Electric Trolley
There was probably always at least one shoe factory located in Norway and this has provided lu- crative employment for a great number of people over the years.

At first, the South Paris people who were employed there were con- veyed by horse-drawn stages or barges up to the year 1895, when the electric trolley line was built and put into operation. This ran from a point near the outlet of the lake in Norway to a point about opposite the hotel which is the pre- sent Andrews Nursing Home.

There was a switch and turn-out located nearly opposite the Fair- grounds so that more than one car could be operated at the same time. Power was furnished by an over- head wire through a trolley arm which had to be shifted at each end of the route.

It furnished a very satisfactory method of transportation for the general public up until about 1919, when the advent and popularity of the automobile caused it to be aban- doned. Many of the men who serv- ed as operators will be remem- bered by the older citizens for their courtesy and kind consideration.

For a long time the largest and possibly most important business establishment in South Paris Vil- lage was New Hall or Odd Fel- lows Block. The ground floor housed the South Paris Post Office, a drug store, a barber shop and a jewelry store. The second floor was given over to the meeting hall or auditorium and the upper or third floor housed the Odd Fellows lodge and affiliated bodies.

The Ripley & Fletcher Company had its inception in this building as Herbert G. Fletcher (the father of Harold Fletcher) who had con- ducted a barber shop for years in the building formed a partnership with Perley F. Ripley and what was later to become the Ripley & Fletcher Company started there.

The administrative affairs of the Town of Paris were handled by a board of three selectmen up until 1960 at which time it was voted to enter into the town manager form of government.

In 1957 a division of the town was effected, the former village of West Paris having petitioned the state legislature and having been granted authority to become a town in their own right. In both cases the current arrangement seems to be working out satisfactory for all concerned.

Three years ago it was voted in conjunction with the Town of Nor- way to join with them in the forma- tion of an administrative school union under the terms of the Sin- clair Act. Plans are being develop- ed for the erection of a new district school somewhere in the area for the housing of the fast- growing school population of both towns.

In view of the numerous and ra- dical changes of even the past de- cade it can only be with a spirit of trepidation that we gaze into the crystal ball and endeavor to conjure what it has in store for us.

At the same time we can only marvel at the founding fathers who they had the courage of their convictions and were able to face up to each situation as it was fore- ed upon them.

Dixfield Woman Writes Book

DIXFIELD — Mrs. Wynifred Staples Smith, formerly a resident of Dixfield, for many years, now residing in Brunswick, has drawn on hitherto unpublished source material in writing a book of great in- terest to lovers of Americans.

The book is being published through subscription. That is only upon receipt of 1,000 orders will the presses roll.

Mrs. Abbie Norton of Dixfield is heading a group assisting with ob- taining these orders.

The announcement of the book is in the form of a small folder which reads as follows:
Announcing —

— PINES AND PIONEERS —

By

WYNIFRED STAPLES SMITH
"Hannibal had his elephants; Tru- man had his Atom Bomb. More suc- cessful and with no dangerous side- effects was the Secret Weapon of 1814. It was the Taller-Masts-than- the World-had-ever-Seen; masts that gave our harassed shipping the ability to out-sail, out-cargo and out-maneuver everything on the Seven Seas.

"Pines and Pioneers, by Wynif- fred Smith, is the story of two pa- triots who worked at the ship-build- ing docks after they had laid down their Revolutionary War muskets at Bath, Maine. Haunted by an ever- recurring whisper, "Aller Timber Up the River", they at last felt their jobs for a few days. Being de- voutly religious, they ascribed to God the leading instinct which took them without swerving, directly to a hidden pocket of gigantic pines on the shore of Webb Lake in Weld and Carthage, Maine.

"This is the story of how they moved their families into the un- settled frontier, found it necessary to build an Indian fort; but finally delivered the logs by drive. The crossing of the Red Sea and the Jordan by the Israelites was fraught with no more labors than this impossible task of getting the longest logs ever seen, fourteen miles down the tiny Webb River in- to the Androscoggin with its danger- ous rocks and falls, and safely de- livered at Bath.

The author is a lineal descendant of those pioneers of shipbuilding, and has had access to the source material, up to now, unpublished. The book has over twenty chapters. Each chapter is built around a true dramatic incident of great human interest. For instance, there is the butter tray that was discovered lost at nightfall on a lonely trail. They had forgotten that the six-month- old baby boy was strapped in it.

"Mrs. Smith is well-known in mu- sical circles, a private student of a famous conservatory of music. Lit- tle wonder then her prose moves with an ever-changing tempo; and a lit and a melody that refuse to let you put the book down until it is finished.

The author has decided to sell the first thousand copies at cost, which will be \$4.50 per copy. After that, a charge will have to be made for handling and delivering."

Order blanks for this book can be found in the following areas lo- cally: Rumford, Julian Israelson or Bartosh Stationary store; Dix- field, Mrs. Walter Klidder, Mrs. Eu- gene Norton; Weld, Donald M. In- tyre; Carthage, Lee Hutchinson. All have listed phones.

Mrs. Smith is a direct descen- dant of the Staples mentioned in the book. Much of her life was spent in Dixfield and Carthage. Now due to her ill health and ad- vanced years she has recently mov- ed to Brunswick to make her home with a niece, Mrs. Sybil Water- conjure what it has in store for us.

Mrs. Smith will be remembered by many friends in the county as the possessor of a beautiful voice which has been heard over the years in many entertainments and concerts.

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Maine & Oxford

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reports findings of beryl, feldspar, muscovite, rose quartz, pitchblende, tantalite and beryllium.

Largest Beryl

At the entrance of the New York Museum of Natural History, just inside the door, is the world's largest beryl crystal, taken from the Bumpus mine in 1950 by Dana Douglass, from the town of Albany. It is shaped like a giant upside-down ice-cream cone, composed of massive aquamarine with a six-ton scoop of golden beryl. Thousands of phantom crystals were surrounding the main stone and hundreds of small beryl crystals sprouted around the base. It is twenty-seven feet, nine inches high and eleven inches wide on top; six and one-half feet wide at the curved line of contact between the blue-green and the golden beryl and it weighs fifty-two thousand, six hundred pounds. A real spectacular beryl and a sight to behold!

Rose quartz is famous in the area and Perham has mined more of it in Bumpus than has ever been seen.

Stoneham Gem

Stoneham has its famous stone, too. In 1900, a miner in Stoneham found a beautiful gem crystal. It was so pretty in the sun that he used to put it on the porch and watch the sunlight shine through it, making such a beautiful rainbow of color. A traveller passed through and bought it for a few dollars. "Now it is ascertained that it is one of the Hapsburg crown jewels, Prince Henry of Prussia bought the stone, described as a brilliant amethyst, from a New York gem dealer for \$30,000.

Mines listed include, besides Bumpus, the Donahue Prospect, owned by Ralph Kimball in Portland; Pingree Prospect, owned by Pingree in Albany; Penbody Mt. Quarry, Floyd Mason of West Bethel reports, apatite, feldspar, muscovite, quartz and tourmaline mined.

Peaked Hill and Prospect, owned by Mrs. Mason and Dr. Twaddle,

Bethel; Wheeler Mines, owned by Roger and Chester Wheeler, Bethel; Anderson Mines, owned by L. Anderson, East Stoneham, mines muscovite.

Aldrich Mine, owned by R. Aldrich, South Paris, mines beryl, feldspar, muscovite, pyrite and serpentine. Andrews ledge, owned by Mrs. W. N. Swett, Norway, reports beryl and muscovite. And the Butlers Mountain area is rich in golden beryl and garnet. There is the Durgin Mountain area, rich in beryl; Foster Hill project, mining feldspar and muscovite.

The Lord Hill Mine, which is being operated by the White Mountain National Forest, U. S. Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D. C., reports that in this Stoneham mine have been located all of the following: beryllium minerals, columbite, amethyst, and gem topaz, golden beryl, purple fluorite, green and white apatite, pink and blue feldspar, rose quartz, smoky quartz, chrysobol, phenacite, oerite crystals and the largest gem crystals of beryllonite, as well as the finest sheet mica. Topaz is of the finest quality here.

There is the Metrose Mine, Styles Mt. Prospect and the Willis Warren Quarry. The General Electric Glass Quartz Prospect, Holt Prospect, Johnson Mines, Scribner Mines, Stearns Prospect, known as the Hornet Mine, for the amount of hornets that abound in this mine, the Wardwell Mine, Wentworth mine, all in the Bryant Pond Area, and in the Greenwood area are the famous Greenwood Caves.

The caves were formed by landslides, hundreds of years ago and one of the caverns, called 'The Cathedral' is a cavern thirty feet wide and winter or summer retains winter ice and cold and is so impressive!

Mineral Uses

The minerals are of great value and it is interesting to see what they are used for. For instance, mica is used for electronic equipment and the production of condenser film. Spodumene; source of the metal, lithium and lithium chlorides, used in air conditioning and in the development of the hydro-

gen bomb! Cesium ore; five thousand times as powerful as TNT, used in photo-electric cells, transistors, standard infra-red signal units for the Army and in cancer therapy.

Cesium 137 isotope has largely replaced the cobalt bomb in the treatment of cancer. Beryllium: used to harden copper and other metal tools: Copper hardened with beryllium will make a spring that never loses its springiness. Tungsten: used in various types of bulbs and tubes. Columbium: provides a heat resistance unknown before, the resistant metal needed in the buildings in jet planes and black tourmaline, used in piezo electric plates for pressure gauges and electronic equipment.

The BB No. 7 Mine is impressive and Stan Perham found here the world's largest cache of gem green tourmaline crystals. One crystal weighed 137 carats.

And from the BB Mine came 48 minerals, including apatite, green and blue, albite, arsenic - pyrite, autunite crystals, cassiterite, chromium mica, columbite, with tantalum; cleveandite, cookeite, diopside, pink; garnet, red and mangana; hiddenite, green; kunzite, montmorillonite, moonstone, pollucite, purpurite, pitchblende, pyrite, quartz, milky, rose, smoky and banded; scheelite, spodumene, tourmaline, green, pink, blue and black; trypholite, lepidolite, illoholite, mica, green, black and ruby; uraninite, uranium and vivianite. Quite an impressive listing from one mine alone, indeed.

There is the Diamond Ledge, in West Paris, owned by Rolly Hayes, and the quartz mined there is of the most brilliant variety.

The Harvard Mine is in Greenwood, the Hayes Mine, Heath, and the Heikkinen Quarry, owned by Perham, Immonen Ledge No. 2; Mustonen Mine or Ledge, in West Paris; Ohtonen's Quarry, Tamminen Old Mine, Tamminen - Walsen Mine, Tiger Bill Mine, Uncle Tom Mine, the Emmons Quarry, and the Walsanen Mine.

Millon Area

In the Millon Plantation area are the Champion and Champion Consolidated and Oxford Mines and they have two shafts dug now. There is the Hoopers Ledge, The Immonen No. 1 and the Perham Mine. In Woodstock the Lone Star and the Woodstock Lode, where copper, lead, silver and gold is taken.

Buckfield reports that Autunite, important host of uranium is found in here. The Bennett Quarry owned by Mrs. Blanche Bennett of Bell Minerals Co., West Paris, is a sodafeldspar ledge pegmatite and seventeen minerals are taken from it. The Museum of the Sheffield School of Yale University has an excellent twinned chrysoberyl crystal from this ledge.

She had what she thought was a rose quartz in her dooryard and geologists from Ohio stopped by and recognized it as a forty carat nucleus of rare and very valuable gem pink cesium beryl. She took it indoors fast.

Bessey Quarry, Cummings Mine, Dudley Prospect, Fletcher Mine, Irish Mine, Orchard Mine are all in Buckfield and in Canton is the Clark Mine, Wentworth Mica Mine, owned by Charles House, Rumford Center. In Hartford Township is the Ragged Jack Mountain owned by Wesley Poland, Woodstock or Clarence Lefoy, East Sumner and is famous for chrysobol or better known as chatoyant, the rare and valuable gem 'cat's-eye' chrysoberyl.

There are others, many many others, of course, but, these are a few of the famous ones and some not so well known, but a joy to all the rock-hounds in the area, including Paris township, Peru Township, Dixfield, Fryburg, Denmark, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow, Waterford, Old Speck, Andover, Newry, Oques-

soe, Poland, Rangeley, Rumford, famous for its gold in Swift River, Mexico, Roxbury and others.

Find it or not, rock-hounding, whether you walk one mile or sixteen, coming home empty handed or with a sack-full of beautiful specimens, is one of the best out-of-doors sports you can encounter, and it can be profitable as well.

"Favorable Ground"

"To date Stage I reconnaissance has resulted in areas of Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Virginia being selected as what may be termed "favorable ground" for commercial beryllium deposits. These areas contain beryllium deposits but of uncertain economic potential. Second stage exploration is devoted to the most promising deposits within the favorable areas. Work during this stage includes relatively shallow drilling to obtain samples for analysis, primarily to determine whether beryllium mineralization is spotty, or evenly distributed, is preferred for large scale semination. The latter type, of mining and milling operations.

Work In Quarry

"In Maine work has advanced to the second stage at the Bennett Quarry in Buckfield, the Harvard Mine-Noyes Mtn. area in Greenwood, and on Plumbago Mtn. in Newry. Black Mtn. in Rumford may receive further attention if time permits. At Newry Hill in Newry work has already entered state Three, with diamond drill holes reaching depths of two hundred feet each. In this stage enough data are obtained concerning size, shape, grade, and mineralogical characteristics to permit conclusions to be drawn concerning not only the economy of the ore body but also to gain insight into preferred mining methods and milling characteristics of the ore.

"I should note here that our rate of progress is limited by available funds. Mineral Exploration is an expensive undertaking and unfortunately we do not always receive all the funds we would like.

"We have used many scientific and engineering tools in the course of our project. One, the diamond drill, I have already mentioned. Others include: the magnetometer, electro-magnetic unit, spectroscopy, scintillation counter; portable gasoline powered rock drill, heavy media separation techniques, and various chemical tests. Three of the aforementioned tools I have here with me. This one, being worn by HARRY LOYTE is a magnetometer used in locating and determining the size of hidden magnetic ore bodies. A second is the scintillation counter held by RAY BOUTREAU and used to locate radioactive ores such as uraninite. The third instrument, the electromagnetite prospecting device consists of two components, a transmitter held by HARRY LOYTE and a receiver held by CARL GOLDSMITH. When the apparatus is used to look for buried ore bodies which are electrical conductors such as copper, iron, or other metallic sulfides and the transmitter and receiver pass on opposite sides of a concealed ore body an anomalous reading on the instrument results. Devices such as these should be given far more intensive use in Maine.

"Another relatively new and very valuable tool for beryllium analysis and prospecting is the Beryllometer which I have brought along also to show to you. The principle on which it is based is quite simple. Beryllium atoms emit neutrons in response to bombardment by gamma radiation from the isotope Antimony-124. The device consists essentially of an Antimony-124 source, a photomultiplier tube on which the neutrons resulting from excitation of the beryllium atoms impinge, and a scaler to count the number of neutrons striking the photomultiplier tube. The number of neutrons in direct proportion to the beryllium content of the sample and by comparing the neutron count from

the sample with the new from a standard of identical shape and of known content, the grade of the sample involved, prospecting 'the entire' be 'slung' in an aluminum carried to the actual rock by two men.

Potential Co-Products

"While studying the of beryllium in Maine, ignore associated elements, minerals, Mica, feldspar, quartz, and minerals, lithium, cesium, rubidium, bismuth, and tantalum are also co-products of beryllium are catalogued during

Indeed, with United States, once-upon overseas sources only beryllium, but cesium, and other associated sudden political upheavals orientation in the present nations, could create up in our domestic consumer. It is a matter of during the recent Korean war, the price of tantalum tripled in the course weeks. Another factor we in mind is that the element are glamorous and electronic age metals as sudden and dramatic requirements as breakthroughs are achieved a breakthrough might ability of developed, let example, cesium proper cessitate a crash program for domestic sources. Annally for cesium minerals County is among the most prospecting ground in States.

Hope For Large Mine

"It is our hope that the results of our present Bureau of Mines investigation, published, they will reveal the potential of Maine beryllium related mineral resources to attract private capital to construct a large mill in Oxford, providing benefit to the mill itself, and entire market for local business through the direct needs, and through the purchase consumers it will employ same time such an operation upon foreign sources for 'legitimate' elements. Even if it should 'not become a reality, we will at any catalogue the resource and associated rare permit rapid and action by Government industry if a national should arise."

Oxford County is one of the best in gems and rare in this county. Crystallized beryllium bearing feldspar, mica are to be found in the county, and in them are found numerous stones and valuable minerals. The area is believed of the most important beryl crystals and of beryl crystals found in have included some very Near Rumford there found all manner of including gold, tungsten, tantalum, cesium, scandium, other rare minerals. Also been found tin, asbestos and fluorine ores.

It is in large part Stan Perham's interest in his state, and to his promotion area as a mineral store the eyes of the nation to Oxford County, and became a Mecca for from all over the country. And should Maine become mineral producing state, it will be due to Stan Perham's 40 years of work in this

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Hand Press

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where I still sit, writings of my newspaper Progress means a Sanborn was a man in progress, so many taken place in the

In 1933 the Oxford rat, which had been the late Arthur For Atwood in South Pa with the Advertiser since the name has er - Democrat, but never lost the individualism of Mr. Sanborn. The intimate daily the communities of have always been a consideration, and no were ever considered tant to print, for these made up the of the towns.

His slogan over many Buy Or Borrow A never, since 1882, has to be an edition put and from 800 papers in 1882 the circulation over 4,000.

The layout of the changed several times our paper it has grown and 16 pages; the changed too, from 7 and from 8 to 9 in nearly a year the paper in tabloid form.

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In 1938 this was a Cox Duplex Perforated flat-bed press, but so machine also combined, so there was no for the clacking fold and it was junked.



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Hand Press

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where I still sit, watching the doings of my newspaper family. Progress means changes and Mr. Sanborn was a man who believed in progress, so many changes have taken place in the Advertiser office.

In 1933 the Oxford County Democrat, which had been published by the late Arthur Forbes and George Atwood in South Paris, was merged with the Advertiser and ever since the name has been Advertiser - Democrat, but the paper has never lost the individuality established by Mr. Sanborn.

The intimate daily happenings in the communities of Oxford County have always been given first consideration, and no personal items were ever considered too insignificant to print, for he believed that these made up the living history of the towns.

His slogan over many years was "Buy Or Borrow A Copy" and ever, since 1882, has there failed to be an edition put out each week, and from 800 papers a week printed in 1882 the circulation has grown to over 4,000.

The layout of the paper has changed several times; from a four-pager it has grown to 12, 14 and 16 pages; the columns have changed too, from 7 to 8 in 1883, and from 8 to 9 in 1884, and for nearly a year the paper was printed in tabloid form.

The Whitlock Seven Column Quarto was later replaced by a Premier & Potter Press, a flat-bed rotary press, but also handled, and for 25 years George L. Saunders faithfully fed that press, page by page.

In 1958 this was replaced by a Cox Duplex Perforating Press, a flat-bed press, but self-feeding. This machine also combined press and folder, so there was no longer need for the clacking folder to operate and it was junked.



Former Publisher - Owner
Fred W. Sanborn
Passed on in 1938



Ralph S. Osgood
Owner, Editor-Publisher
Died in 1953



Robert C. Sallies
Present Owner-Publisher
One of the
World's Greatest Legman
Walter S. Chandler of So. Paris
(deceased)



Today's Managing Editor
Advertiser-Democrat
Benjamin Tucker, Jr.
—Don York Photo—

For months after the installation of the Duplex press, the tune I heard sung by all and sundry of my family was "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen", but time and experience have nearly overcome that, and when all is serene and the static lays low, each section of the edition, takes only two hours to run off.

New Pressroom

This new press necessitated the addition of a new pressroom with a pit, and so, a large one-story room was built on the northwest side of the building. Felix Arsenault was the boss carpenter for this job. The rolls of newsprint are unloaded with an electric hoist hooked to a scaffold at the bulkhead, on the Bridge Street side of the office and rolled through to the pressroom via the basement.

A new Heidelberg Press for job work replaced the Kluge automatic, and sad to relate, the old Pony Press was junked. Better job work was never done than that printed on the pony press, with all its noise and clatter, but that also was handed and nowadays everything is

automation and so it had to go. It didn't fare as well as I and has no place of honor "by the side of the road".

In this time of changes it was not surprising that the office itself should get a renovation, and it surely did. The cramped quarters in the front office were alleviated by taking a large area from the back shop. This was divided into cubicles so that each person has a semi-private place.

The space once used as a barber shop and small apartment on the Bridge Street side was taken into the back shop, making room for the folding machine and the paper drilling machine in one section, and the Heidelberg, Golding hand press and casting unit in the other.

In my day and for many years the casting had all been done in the basement.

As in all businesses, not only methods and equipment change but operators and owners also wear out, and the personnel of my family has changed many times.

I think there are only two left

of the people I wrote about 40 years ago: Walter C. Smith who was Mr. Sanborn's right-hand man on fishing trips and in the plant, and George L. Saunders.

With the passing of Fred W. Sanborn in 1938, Ralph S. Osgood, who learned the business from the ground up, took over as editor and publisher, a position he held until his death July 2, 1953.

Two people could not have been more unlike than those two. Fred Sanborn was brusque, fiery and turbulent; Ralph Osgood was quiet, almost retiring, but their ability in the newspaper business was almost on a par. And, over the many years I saw the paper thrive and grow.

After Mr. Sanborn's death, Leola N. Morrison who had started at the Linotype in the back shop became the bookkeeper, a position she held for 30 years, until her retirement in 1953.

Following her, Janyce Martin

kept the books for a year and then Marion Quinn has been the bookkeeper.

Nephews Take Turns

Two of Mr. Osgood's nephews have had turns at working under their uncle, first Richard M. Sallies who worked two summers before entering the U. S. Navy and then Robert C. Sallies. Most of Bob's vacations during school and at the University of New Hampshire were spent under the guidance of his uncle.

Although his ambition has always been toward the ministry, he also has the feeling of newswork and knows the business better than many with years of experience. At the death of his uncle, Mr. Osgood, he was placed in the position of publisher and editor.

Mr. Sallies still is the publisher but gave over the editorship to Ben Tucker, Jr. who had come from The Boothbay Register at the start of 1951 to work at the Advertiser-Democrat. Robert is now attending Andover Newton Theological School, but I see him often as he

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PRESERVES
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Hand Press

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and his family spend the summers at Round Pond and also occupy Mr. Osgood's apartment over the printing office on weekends and holidays.

Others who have worked at various jobs in the front office have been: Rosemond (Dunham) Curtis, Mrs. Marion (Whitman) Buck, Mrs. Mary Woodworth, Mrs. Doris Cuthog, Mrs. Mearle M. Brown, Mrs. Anita Tracy, Mrs. Carolyn (Verrell) Slattery, Robert Moorehead, Norman Foster, Glenn Gurney, Mrs. Marion B. Brown, and for part-time proofreading, Mrs. Annie C. Brown.

In the back shop Clayton Murch had come and gone several times, also Robert Drouin.

At the death of Prince Steward, Walter Smith took over as foreman. His health necessitated several trips to the hospital and so he took part-time work. Rex Parsons came from the Franklin Journal in 1946; Arthur Kelleher, spent some time with us before going into business for himself.

Short term workers (there are no such things as tramp printers any more) have been Leroy Smith, Shirley Bennett, Joseph Richardson, William Roberts, Clyde Cummings, Tom Higgins.

Stanley Cram came in 1947 and has stayed to finally become foreman of the back shop.

Celia Webber was followed by Miriam Burns at the Intertype and Faye Everett came back to stay for quite some time before going to the Bangor News and has worked part-time since retiring from the News.

Ola Day came to learn the Intertype in 1957 and her daughter, Eleanor worked during vacations until this year when she became a steady employee, doing fine work at makeup on ads and job work.

The latest acquisition is Arthur Herrick who does casting, makes up pages and runs the press.

Legman Par Excellence

This sketch would not be complete without my mentioning one of the greatest legmen of all times, Walter S. Chandler. From 1916 to 1950 Walter covered, on foot, Norway and South Paris, getting ads and news, impartially. For many years he lived in South Paris and walked back and forth four times a day, besides traveling for all the ads and items.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and could put things down on paper in such a witty way that the simplest news was interesting. He also worked "out back" when emergencies arose.

Another group I must tell you about is our loyal band of correspondents. Staying here by the road I hear so many names, but I can remember some because they have been mentioned so often. Those who have gone before are Old Bill of Stow, William Sanborn, Go-Shoes, Flora Cummings; Tills and That, Agnes Fuller Benson; Samantha Jane, Eva Bradlee Jackson; and Pines of Maine, Florence Westleigh.

Still with the paper are Hiawatha Homestead, Fred Judkins; Thomas Hill Newsteel, Helen Thomas Pratt; Waterford Echoes, Charlotte Morse Fillebrown; Among the Hills of Dear Old Maine, Eleanor Lovejoy.

Once I would like to hear from are Folks at Home and Away, Flora Abbott; Homely Homilies, Lillian Abbott; and Looking South From My Window, Eva Shorey.

The present office staff includes Robert C. Sallies, publisher; Benjamin Tucker, Jr., managing editor; Glenn A. Gurney, adman; Marion H. Quinn and Marion B. Brown, bookkeepers; Mearle M. Brown, who reads, writes, edits and tries to keep the subscription files straight; Annie C. Brown, part-time copyreader.

In the back shop: Ola L. Day and Stanley H. Cram, Intertype

Pulla Lumber And Hardware

The Pulla Hardware and Lumber Company Inc. is one of the enterprising businesses which has sprung up in Rumford in recent years, with its big hardware store and lumber yards fronting on Prospect Avenue at the end of Bridge Street.

The firm was established in 1953 at 50 Prospect Avenue, with its owner Nicholas Pulla, Stephens high school graduate and veteran of World War II.

Mr. Pulla is president and treasurer of the corporation.

Managers of the big plant are Jerome Bolduc and William Harmon, the latter the yard foreman.

Here all manner of hardware items may be found, for building, home repairs or business or industrial use, together with lumber and building materials, and a variety of items for maintenance of home and grounds.

Lawn furniture, garden tools, everything for the householder in the line of hardware and maintenance items are available here.

operators, (Stan also foreman of the back shop); Rex W. Parsons, Eleanor I. Day, George L. Saunders, makeup of ads, job printing; Arthur F. Herrick, easter and pressman (news); Walter C. Smith, Mr. Fixit, with all the little unwanted jobs one could wish for.

As in any weekly newspaper, everyone has a dozen jobs they can do and, most of the time, they are doing pretty nearly all 12 at once; but, I defy you to find a shop where the crew works better together than the old shop I left nearly 40 years ago.

I may watch the world go by for another 40 years and what do you suppose I could tell you then?

—The Washington Press

Eight trucks, two fork lifts and two sales cars comprise the automotive power which keeps the firm moving.

The employees are Wyvern Lukin, Jeanne Devost, Laura Gallant, Louise Horne, Jacqueline McKinnon, Rubie V. Richardson, Gerald Deans, Lorenzo Miller, William Crooker, Maurice Metivier, Doyle Woods, Rose Reed, and Joni Merrill.

Partners In Progress

The Diamond National Corporation considers its operation in West Peru, Maine, as a Partnership in Progress. We have a sizeable interest in the community and the surrounding area because it is here where we manufacture billions of pieces of wood and paper products each year.

These products, which are sold throughout the country, include clothespins, toothpicks, ice cream and candy sticks, tongue depressors, coffee stirrers and wooden spoons.

But beyond what the company does — and the capital investment it has in its plant and equipment — Diamond National has an equally important stake in the people it employs. These people — your neighbors and their company make many direct and indirect contributions to the welfare of the community.

Diamond National has been in business in West Peru since 1932. Many of our people who came to work for us 30 years ago are still on the job. They, and many others who have come after them, are important members of a skilled and loyal work force that consists of almost 500 persons.

They have made progress on their jobs with Diamond National — and because this is so, they have been

able to pass on the benefits of their progress to the business establishments of West Peru and surrounding areas. The same can be said of the policy Diamond National has followed for the purchase of many of the raw materials are purchased locally, providing additional employment and have help boost the economy of the community.

These are but a few of the reasons why Diamond National is proud of the job it is doing in West Peru for its customers throughout the U. S., for our employees, and for our neighbors.

DIAMOND NATIONAL CORPORATION, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MANUFACTURERS OF PAPERBOARD PACKAGING AND PRINTING, MOLDED - PULP PACKAGING, MATCHES, LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS.

Lloyd's Lumber

Lloyd V. Armstrong, of Dixfield, one of the prominent contractors in the Greater Rumford area, expanded his operations in 1960 with the

purchase of the Rumford Lumber company on Prospect Avenue, Rumford, and the establishment of Lloyd's Lumber Company Inc. in its place.

The firm's manager is Clarence Haynes, who has had a long experience in the field of lumber building supply sales. The firm supplies all types of lumber and building supplies and builders' hardware.

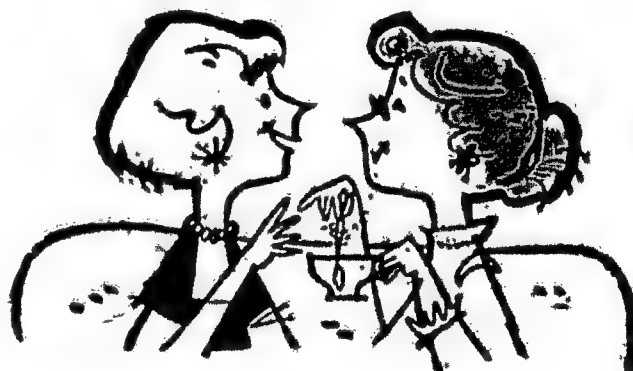
"Everything to Build Anything" is the way the owner and manager put it.

The firm enjoys a thriving business in well known brand name products, such as Bird roofing siding, Armstrong-Dragon cement, Anderson windows, and lumber produced in Maine.

The company does not feature try to compete with foreign products, but tries to sell Maine products whenever possible.

Quality material at a fair price is the goal they strive for in their dealings with the buying public and the builders of the area use their merchandise in various construction jobs going on in the area.

**Keep
Maine
Green**



**"Jasper
is still living
in the days . . .**

when our electric bill was just for light and the refrigerator. Why, today it covers 23* different electric appliances and services right in this house."

**CENTRAL MAINE
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hair dryer
ironer
range
refrigerator
washer
kitchen fan
toaster
food mixer
electric fry-paw
shaver
water heater
power tools
furnace motor
clothes dryer
radio
electric blankets
waffle iron
lights

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Rumford, The Metropolis In The Wilderness, Still Progressing And Growing In All Ways

Rumford, its settled village area, once called the metropolis in wilderness. This was in the days of the establishment of Rumford paper town along about 1800.

course, the town itself, incorporated in 1800, has had a long varied history - and history is in the making in its industries, social and civic life. But the village of Rumford Falls, now Rumford, has grown and prospered, and is still growing, with large and progressive paper mills as the backbone of its business.

Rumford's businesses, its schools, churches, and social and civic activities, its town government, everything about it, have shown dynamic growth in a relatively short period of time. It has truly been something of a phenomenon.

a general rule, Rumfordians are friendly and courteous sort of people, and this hospitality is not to be found in other places. They are proud to entertain groups of people as conventions, skiers, skatourists and others, who are anxious to return to this fair village to visit the Oxford mill and Rumford Falls, whose beauty never palls on the traveler.

Rumford was incorporated on January 21, 1800, and William Gould was its first representative in the Great and General Court. At

one time it was thought that the village would be called China. It had for a time been called Pennacook. However Count Rumford saw to it that the town would bear his famous name.

Jonathan Keyes, without a doubt, was the first settler and the farm where he cleared the land and harvested his crops is still a farm of beautiful intervals on both sides of the road in Rumford Corner. There, today stands his proud memorial, for all to see. It is a massive rock, fenced in, and impressive, with a lovely inscription. It tells of the first families' hardships in an unfriendly forest and of their friendliness with the Indians of the area. Everyone should visit this monument, so the text of the monument will not be revealed at this time.

The Settlement
In 1777, Jonathan Keyes and his son Francis, came from Gloucester, where Mrs. Keyes was left with acquaintances, and they headed north to clear a bit of land and begin a settlement. A log cabin was built, the land cleared, a crop planted, and wood cut for fuel, and then, two long years later, on October 29, 1779, the father and son returned to Gloucester to bring Mrs. Keyes to her new home. Soon after, others arrived in the area and the village began to grow.
At that time there was little to denote that in the future there would be a fair-sized town down-

river for the mountains made it look impossible for a town to grow, but between 1800 and 1830, the town grew steadily and quickly.

Town Meeting
The town meeting were held in private homes but we have records that show that money raised for various town projects in 1801 was \$60 and 29 years later, the amount was \$400. For roads, in 1800, the town raised, \$300 and in 1832, fifteen hundred dollars were raised. Bridges were a hot item discussed at each and every town meeting. Many bridges were built, but they were destroyed by floods and had to be rebuilt.

In 1803, it was proposed to erect a meeting house at the center of the town, now Rumford Center, and \$130 was raised for this purpose. In 1804 the town raised the sum of \$30 to erect a church.

Now the town would have a meeting house and a church, and a school was being proposed. The town was rapidly taking shape. Settlers arrived, lured on by the prospect of plenty of forest and good fertile land and the fish in the river, the animals in the forests. It wasn't until 1841, that a bridge was proposed over Bog Brook, and Rufus Virgin was to superintend the building of it. In 1845, on April 7th, resolutions were passed in favor of temperance and against licensing any persons to sell liquor in town other than for medical purposes.

100 Years Ago
One hundred years ago, in 1862, less than 62 years after incorporation, the town meeting reported as follows: \$800 was raised for the support of the poor. Timothy Walker was appointed agent to hire \$3000 to pay the outstanding liabilities of the town. \$4000 was raised for roads. The selectmen were directed to hire \$500 to aid soldier's families. At the July 24, meeting, it was voted to pay those who would enlist on the quota of the town under the late call for troops the sum of \$50. At the September 10, meeting it was voted to pay soldiers who enlisted for nine months \$20 dollars bounty and \$9 per month. Voted to rebuild the Swift River bridge which had been ravaged and destroyed by high flood waters and ice cakes.

The population in 1800 was 262; in 1810, 629; and in 1820, 871. The town grew and grew, and the settlers began moving on each side of the river, ever downwards towards the falls.

In the towns surrounding, there had been Indian uprisings, but the Rumford settlers arrived late enough, just as the Indians were befriended or gone forever from the scene.

Post Office
In 1815, the Rumford Post Office was established and Nathan Adams, Jr. was the first Postmaster, on January 12.

First Church
The Congregational Church of Rumford under the Rev. Daniel Gould, (the same for whom Gould Academy was named) had its beginning in 1803, and on October 29, 1828, the meeting house at Rumford Center was solemnly dedicated as a house of worship, and Daniel Hall was chosen Dragon.

Rev. Mr. Gould worked endlessly, preaching in the church and instructing the school children for many years in the town. He, at that time was one of the few educated men who could work, and teachers were needed badly.

Lawyers
Among the famed men of this town's past were these lawyers, the Hon. Peter Chandler Virgin, who helped form the constitution for the State of Maine, was county attorney, town clerk, and agent, postmaster at the Corner, and held other offices of trust. His body is buried at Rumford Point.

The Hon. Lyman Rawson settled in Rumford Point and practiced law in town. He served with the Maine Legislature and was Judge of Probate. He is also interred at the Joint cemetery. Timothy J. Carter, William J. Kimball, both young lawyers who died young; William Wirt Virgin, who was Major general of the Maine militia and

appointed colonel of the Twenty-third Maine Volunteers; Henry Blanchard, who was with the Law and Claim Agents, and others, many others.

Physicians
Doctors were few and far between when Rumford was new, but those that came became so famous that even now the names of the following are remembered by a few who recall their folks talking about them:

Dr. Hiram F. Abbott, who besides being a good physician, was in the regimental band of the Second Maine Volunteers. He practiced at the Point mostly, but travelled all around with his horse and buggy. Dr. Zenas W. Bartlett settled in Bethel and Hanover, studied with Dr. Thomas Roberts and practiced in Rumford Center. He rode through all the towns of Oxford county with a matched pair that became as well known as the doctor. Continued On Page 7)

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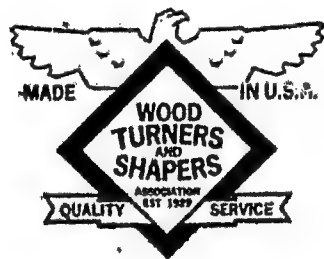
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Improved operations and increased sales have put the Oxford Paper Co. in an enviable position in its field, according to a feature story in a recent issue of Investor's Reader. For example, it took only 24 Oxford salesmen to sell \$74,120,000 worth of book, magazine and commercial printing papers in 1961, this being due primarily to enthusiasm for the company and its products, says William H. Chisholm, president.

Investor's Reader, designed to humanize and dramatize business and financial news, is published every two weeks by Merrill, Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith, Inc. and distributed to 200,000 investors, business executives, schools, newspapers, and libraries.

The article states:

Paper profits are generally up this year and Oxford Paper Company is no exception. For the first half of 1962, it earned \$1.75 a share on sales of \$39,000,000, a 28% profit and 5% sales rise over last year. President William H. Chisholm expects to continue the sales gain through the second half and earn around \$3.25 for the full year.

Unlike the majority of its colleagues however, Oxford is writing current improvements atop earnings gains scored in 1961. While industry shipments of printing papers were off slightly last year, Oxford, which is the largest producer of these papers, managed to roll up a 1% increase ton-

nage-wise. Although lower prices caused dollar sales to dip 2%, net income bounced back to a five-year high of \$3,450,000, equal to \$2.92 a share. In 1960 earnings came to \$2.26 a share, not counting \$2.01 profits on sale of timberlands.

President Chisholm credits the good performance to "a damned good sales department and a damned good product. We have increased our sales department in the last few years but it is still comparatively small.

It took only 24 Oxford salesmen to sell \$74,120,000 worth of book, magazine and commercial printing papers in 1961; an average of more than \$3,000,000 per salesman. Says 44-year-old president Chisholm: "I think the key word here is enthusiasm for the company and its products. And that is sparked by excellent sales leadership. Andy McBurney, vice president in charge of sales, started at Oxford with me back in 1935."

At that time when Bill Chisholm had his first summer job at Oxford, his father, Hugh J. Chisholm, was president of the company, a job he had taken over from his father, Hugh J. Chisholm Sr. The elder Chisholm was not only the founder of Oxford (in 1899) but one of the three co-founders of International Paper and a one-time president of that industry giant. After grandson Bill got his BA from Yale in 1940 he worked in the Rumford mill for one year, then as a sales trainee in Oxford's Chicago office until he went into the Navy in 1941. Following his discharge in 1945 as a lieutenant, he joined the New York office as assistant to the president. In 1956 he moved up to president.

That year produced the biggest profits in Oxford's history — \$5.43 a share. But declines in each of the next three years brought net down to \$1.77 a share in 1959 be-

fore it began to recoup in 1960. The price of the 1,000,000 shares, which are Big Board listed under the symbol OXP, has more or less followed the path of earnings. It reached an alltime high of 52 in banner year 1956, saw-sawed each year thereafter within an overall range of 43-to-24. Having reached the high end of the scale early this year, they fell back to 28, now trade around 33.

To a lesser degree these fluctuations have been matched by the \$10,000,000 Oxford 4% convertible debentures sold on rights to stockholders in 1958. By textbook definition, convertibles have the advantage of moving up in good times along with the stock into which they can be converted while on the downside they have the cushioned support of a bond with its fixed interest and prior claim on earnings and assets.

The Oxford debentures — which can be converted into common at \$38 till October 1963, then at \$42.50 for the next seven years — have exemplified this role. They quickly soared to 118 in the first few months after offering, then fell back to par, vaulted against an alltime high of 128 last year and now trade around 113.

Asked when he expects to regain the profits heights of 1956, Bill Chisholm replies: "We're doing our

damndest but it'll be a two at least before we get high again." He adds: "What will the year is another question. I've been too much talk about it. I just hope they are where we're in a much better position than we ever have been out a recession."

One major improvement in Oxford's position was effected by conversion of the sulphate mill in Rumford, Maine. It has contributed substantially to improved profits. It is producing higher quality, more pulp. We can use more of it and because of better management we throw away less. Furthermore, the quality per is improved."

Tale of Two Woods

Although Oxford buys of the wood it uses, it also owns forest reserves in Maine. Lands in northern Maine, president Chisholm: "Such a tremendous amount of growth we've been cutting off. It will produce 1,000,000 in revenues this year. Cape Breton timberlands in Scotia which Oxford sold."

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Oxford Mill

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or about \$3,750,000 "did nothing but cost us money. We hadn't taken any wood out of there in years. Now we have Stetson (bought in 1955) producing money." Both Stetson Lands and the Rumford mills all into the ballistics of vice president of Philip Hovey who has spent his entire career at Oxford, coming to the company in 1939 during his father's tenure as executive vice president.

Unlike the forest which will receive itself provided modern selective cutting methods are used, the area of new products is one which

requires constant attention. President Chisholm expects Oxford's expenditures for R&D will be running slightly over 1% of sales in 1963 compared to about two-thirds of a percent for most of the industry.

Although he hints "we're working on some very interesting new products, it's too early to talk about them. I don't believe in blowing anything up until you're sure it's going to go." One of the fruits of Oxford's research is the development of the North Star — a modified trailing blade method for heavy-weight paper coating. It produces a levelness of surface never possible before. North Star papers

are used in the National Geographic and for high quality graphic arts printing, especially color.

Magazines still account for 44% of sales despite the fact "we have had three fold from under us." Although a decline in advertising lineage in 1961 adversely affected this business, the loss was more than made up through increased volume in book papers which contribute around 16% of sales. Another 19% is derived from commercial printing papers and the remaining 16% comes from sales to makers of envelopes, business forms and paper specialties. One interesting product is continuous bond which is supplied to business form expert Moore Corp.

Of Oxford's three plants — Rumford, West Carrollton, Ohio and Lawrence, Mass. — only Lawrence is not currently operating profitably. Chief Chisholm thinks "they will be in the black by the end of the year." The Lawrence mill was acquired in 1958 from National Geographic. Oxford transferred its former production to the Rumford Mill and converted Lawrence to commercial printing papers.

As to further acquisitions, the youthful president allows Oxford is "always" on the lookout for something that fits in. But asked if he has anything on the fire now, he replies firmly: "No, and that's honest!" Bill Chisholm would not be averse to issuing stock for acquisitions — "if what you get is going to increase your earnings, why not?" However Oxford's cash position is exceptionally good and husky. Depreciation charges (equal to \$3.75 a share in 1961) substantially add to cash flow.

The Government's new schedule of depreciation allowances will not affect Oxford's depreciation or earnings this year since the new allowances are just about at the rate Oxford has been charging off.

Conservative Rate

Thus the Oxford dividend is conservative even after the nickel raise to 30c quarterly starting July. Management limits itself to stating: "Our policy is not to pay out more than 50% of earnings." But considering the \$3.25 earnings projection for the year, this would still leave the page open for additional liberalization.

Bill Chisholm takes an active interest in the affairs of his industry. He is a director of the Institute of Paper Chemistry, the University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation and the American Paper & Pulp Association. In the latter organization he serves on the executive committee and is actively "trying to get the industry to be more public relations minded."

When he is not engaged in company or industry business, Bill Chisholm heads from Manhattan corporate headquarters to Greenwich, Conn., where he lives with his wife and two teen-aged daughters.

Both the girls are good riders like their father. But horseman article appeared in Investor's Readers like their father. But horseman or, Phil Hovey has resigned as vice Chisholm has given up polo for the president and director at Oxford to less strenuous game of golf. become president of Fraser Paper (Editor's Note: Since the above company Ltd.)

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pily settled in this happy little valley and ten years later, in 1820, the population was 595.

The first postmaster in Dixfield was John Marble Jr. and the mail was then delivered by four-horse coach from Dixfield to Peru. This was around 1817. This was begun about the year 1812, when a carriage was put on the route between Portland and Paris, and in 1820, a four-horse coach was needed and put upon the route. After a few

years, as offices were established, the route was extended to Andover, and down the river to Dixfield and Peru.

Abbott Family

One of the old families that lived in Dixfield, before 1850, is the Abbott family. History states that in 1850, Levi Abbott, son of Philip Abbott, was born November 4, 1802, and married in 1825, Vashti, the daughter of William Wheeler, one of Rumford's most influential families. Their children included Dexter D., born July 8, 1826, who married Drusilla, whose last name is not recorded, but might be known by some reader of this account. He was the first proprietor of the Mount Zircon Mineral Spring and House. After his death his widow married Jefferson Jackson of Milton Plantation.

Their second child was Sophia Scott, born June 17, 1828 and there is no further history on her. The third child, a son, Victor M., was born October 11, 1831 and he was married, although his wife's name is not recorded. He was a physician and died in Mexico.

Their fourth child was named William Wheeler. He was born December 20, 1835. The fifth child was named Paris Baxter and was born December 18, 1843.

Another old family in the town were Aaron and Charlotte Waite, whose daughter, Charlotte, married a Henry Abbott Jr., son of Henry Abbott.

The Marshes

Albion P. Marsh, who became quite a business man, was born in Dixfield, August 8, 1823, son of David and Asenath (Parks) Marsh. The first ancestor of the family in America was John Marsh, who emigrated from England in 1634 and settled in Massachusetts. He was a wool-carder or weaver. Andrew Marsh, the grandfather of Albion, was born in Sutton, Mass., and he was an early settler in Dixfield, where after clearing a farm, he spent the rest of his life in its cultivation. He married Rebecca Stone, and their children were named John, Nancy, David, Joshua and Lawson.

Albion's father was David Marsh, a native of Sutton, Mass. When his parents moved to Dixfield he was quite young and turned to logging and hired out as a teamster. Later, he turned to farming and was really successful at this occupation. Their children were Albion P.; Liva L.; Mattie L.; Annette and Matilda; Andrew, Caleb, Leonora, Pauline, David M., Jérôme and Chestina, Asenath, the mother passed away in 1882.

Albion was educated in the district schools and lived at home until twenty-one. He went to Rhode Island to work, then to Ohio, then the call of the town came on him and he went to Weld, where he engaged in dealing in country produce. He retired late in life and remained in Dixfield, thereafter. He married three times. He married Matilda D. Newton in 1870, daughter of Burleigh and Sarah Newton of Dixfield and their children were Norman D., Chestina, Harry B., Lottie M. and Owen. Their homestead was the handsomest set of buildings in the village, and its members were respected as worthy representatives of one of the old and reputable families.

Dr. Bartlett
Silas Powers Bartlett, M.D., was known as the venerable physician of East Dixfield, Maine. He was also the leading mathematician of Maine.

He was born in Bethel and acquired his education in the public schools and Bethel Academy. He taught school for a while and then

read a course of medicine with Dr. Thomas Roberts of Rumford. Then he entered the Maine Medical School at Brunswick, and he graduated with the class of 1841. He located in Gorham, N.H. remained for two years, then in 1845 came to East Dixfield and succeeded Dr. Z. W. Bartlett. He bought the property of Samuel Allen, a home on 35 acres of land which he took great pride in. He was seen driving his pair of matched horses into the dusk, returning in early dawn, until his health weakened and he was forced to see his patients in his office.

He married Martha M. Morse, the daughter of John and Sally Morse of Jay, Me. Their family consisted of Florus, born February

7, 1848, who married Lydia Brown; Julia M., who was born May 12, 1854 and died, August 1886; Silas, who became an dealer in Lewiston, born, January 29, 1857 and married Lucy P. and had a daughter Beulah; Addie M. born September 10, 1860 and died May 10, 1886 and Addie, who was born January 28, 1866, married J. E. Hisecock of Will and died August 24, 1895.

Dr. Bartlett was superintendent of schools and had a wide reputation as a mathematician. He solved numerous difficult problems sent him for solution and for the fifty years of his life he furnished original problems to the Mathematical Almanac.

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The Waites
Willis Waite was an entrepreneur of Dixfield. He was born in 1859, son of L. A. Waite. Lorenzo L. Waite, son of L. A. Waite, was born in 1889, and was one of the most prominent men in Oxford County. He was in the Civil War, and was in Co. C, Thirtieth Maine Volunteer Infantry. He was married to farming. He was married to Newman, and their son, Harris W., who died in 1902, was married to L. A. Waite, and died January 2, 1902.

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The Waites

Willis Waites was an enterprising merchant of Dixfield. He was born May 19, 1859, son of Lorenzo and Sarah Waites. Lorenzo Waites was born in Dixfield, and raised on the farm, planting and plowing and became one of the most successful farmers in Oxford County. He served in the Civil War as a private in Co. C, Thirtieth Maine Regiment, Maine Volunteers, then returned to farming. He married Sarah Newman, and they had seven children: Harris N., who died at seven; Willis W. and Leroy L. S. died at forty-two and her husband died January 2, 1876.

Willis W. Waites, the son, attended common schools in Dixfield and farmed. He was one of the men who cleared the land of trees, pushed and pulled away at rocks and stumps, built a log cabin, and with just the strength of his back and his hands, carved a niche for himself in the pages of history and a future for his family.

The Holmans

Albert S. Holman was born in Dixfield, on March 29, 1853. He was the son of Silas L. and Ellen M. (Carlton) Holman. He was a successful farmer. Ebenezer Holman, his paternal grandfather, a native of Sutton, Mass., settled in Dix-

field with the early pioneers of the town and spent all his life there. He was one of the men who cleared the land of trees, pushed and pulled away at rocks and stumps, built a log cabin, and with just the strength of his back and his hands, carved a niche for himself in the pages of history and a future for his family.

His wife was Sarah Knapp, and they raised nine children. He lived to be 104 years old, and was the oldest man in Oxford County at the time of his death. Silas S., born in 1820 was also a farmer and his wife, who came from Gardiner, Me., bore him eight children: Frances E., Albert S., Ida M., George C., Eloise, Darwin B., Arthur C. and Mattie. He died March 24, 1896.

Albert S. remained at home, went to school in Dixfield and Canton and became a teacher for a while. Then he went on to farming and dairying. In 1888, he went to Peru and worked on one hundred acres he owned and another hundred acres he rented. He raised high grade Jerseys. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for at least four years and was chairman for a time. His wife was Lona W. Hines and they were married on March 10, 1877. She came from Turner, daughter of Leonard Hines. Their seven children were Grace B., Fred C., Guy F., Carl S., Florence M., Edith M., and Harold L. The part of Dixfield where he farmed is even today, sometimes referred to as Holmanville by some of the older citizens, in honor of this great farmer and dairy man.

Coolidge

John Coolidge, one of the former leading farmers in Dixfield, was born in Dixfield, May 24, 1821, son of Moses and Lydia Peterson Coolidge. His father came from Jay, Me. He became a general farmer and was a teamster. He had a very good farm in Dixfield. His wife Lydia was from Canton, Me., and their children were Louisa Ann and Lucy Ann, Abigail, Charles, Cyrus, Moses F. and John.

John attended common schools in Dixfield and started farming when but a boy. He became very prosperous and the homestead farm contained 185 acres, and had other properties besides. At twenty-six he married Harriet Swett, his first wife, daughter of Abram T. Swett of Errol, N.H. They had three children, Clinton E., a prosperous farmer in Dixfield, Nelson A., who had a farm in Canton, and Alice, who did not live long.

When Harriet died, he married Bethlah Campbell, and the couple had three more children, two who were named Eddie who died early and Moses. His third wife is not stated in the biographical sketch.

An energetic and intelligent farmer, he was well thought of because of his perseverance and good management.

Severy

Alden B. Severy was born in Dixfield, December 3, 1823, son of Hannah and Aaron Severy. Hannah was a Morse.

Alden's father, a former native of Sutton, Mass., came to Dixfield in young manhood, and was one of the first three settlers in the township. He worked hard, clearing the land, almost with his bare hands, tools being scarce in these parts in those early years, and he became a successful farmer, clearing and ever improving a large farm, upon which he later erected a handsome residence. In later years, he was known as the father of the town and held many offices to uphold his title.

He lived to be an active ninety-one. His wife was Phebe Tucker and they had seven children, Phebe, Aaron, Silas, Rufus, John, Charlotte, and Polly. His second wife, Hannah Morse, bore him four children, Charles, Florinda, Alden

B., and Cyrus. She died at 66 years of age.

Alden B. attended local schools and academies, then went to Lowell, Mass., where he served as a Deputy Marshall for six years. He returned to Dixfield, bought a small farm and stayed a few years. He purchased the portions of land from other heirs, acquired a homestead, and farmed until his death when most 60 years old, April 16, 1883.

He was elected a Representative to the State Legislature in 1863. He was married to Miss Rosella Richmond, who was the daughter of Israel and Sarah Bramhall Richmond, who was born in Dixfield,

May 13, 1822. Their children were Ella, who died at two years of age, and Charles, who lived to be twenty-three. They adopted Ella R. Hall, a little girl of six whom they carefully reared and educated. This adopted child became Mrs. F. W. Morrison, wife of a wealthy farmer, where Mrs. Severy spent many years.

The Present Day

There were other famous families, and, others just as enterprising who built the town of Dixfield, but for the sake of brevity, it is necessary to put on a halter now and move on to the present time. The families of the forementioned lived on to populate the town, and

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others moved away, but for every one that moved away, more moved in.

Dixfield now has four mills that employ workers, they being Diamond National, who employs 475 persons just across the river in Peru; Stowell-MacGregor, employs 160; Timberlands, employs 25 to 30 and Fairbanks Lumber hires 9.

These mills are the backbone of the town and the 1960 census quotes the population at 2323.

The Dixfield Schools, Central Grammar School, High, the Elementary School, and the High School in Weld has approximately 600 pupils.

The churches are always well attended. They are the Seven Day Advent Church, Church of the Nazarene, the Catholic Church which owns a bit of land where they plan to erect a big church in the near future; the Assembly of God Church and the Congregational and Baptist Churches.

Besides all the businesses, schools, and churches mentioned, there is another segment that helps a town and these are the tradesmen, who are there to help the citizens with their businesses, such as Art and Eddie's Esso Service Station, Dixfield Marble and Granite Works, Hammond's Variety Sandwich Shop, Hawthorne Funeral

Telstar Has Capped Long Record Of Growth Of Town Of Andover

ANDOVER — Andover is a small country,

town, nestled among the Oxford County hills, where the majesty of the surrounding mountains, creates a deep sense of peace and well-being.

Ezekiel Merrill and his family came to settle in Andover in 1789. The early settlers came largely from Andover, Mass., and the ones that arrived, were those who were selected because of their high standards of life, their willingness to work and their desire to make a new life for themselves and not shirk the responsibilities connected with settling a new and virgin land. Home, Henry's Chevron Station, Holman's Shell Station, Holmes, IGA Market, Holt Bros. Monuments, Kimball's Mobilgas Service Station, Morrison's Garage, Nash's Market, New England Telephone and Telegraph, Central Maine Power, Rural Insurance Agency, Rumford Oil Co., and Towle Hardware, as well as Coats and Clarke, wood turning mill.

This is Dixfield, then, a growing community, prosperous with neat homes, well kept up with well-manicured lawns. A church going community which is enjoying a growing boom in 1962.

Dixfield has a well kept post office, a new building recently built on the spot where the Hi Spot Restaurant was before the fire. Dixfield has a fire department of which the town is very proud and the Police department is very effective in curbing crime and juvenile delinquency in this town.

Businesses, stores and markets, and eating establishments worthy of mention include: Coles' Nursing Home, Holman (C. H. and Sons) Farming, on Wilton Rd., Raymond Howard, dry goods; and the Rumford Bank and Trust, located on Main Street.

A growing town breeds confidence and there is hardly a resident of Dixfield who isn't confident of a bigger and better town by 1970. Rounding the hills for minerals, after all, is Oxford County's greatest claim to fame.

Very little can be written that has not been written before on the subject, however, in a letter recently received was some additional interesting information.

Rock crystals weighing five to six pounds have been picked up on the south side of Red Hill, right near the surface, by A. L. Eastman, now living in Bath. On the surface, near are clusters in matrices in all sizes — six-sided. These are very easily accessible and are of much interest. Following the outcropping, it can be followed through by digging.

Glass Face Glass Face has a few pot holes and caves of interest to rockhounds. The red paint and black paint mines on Red Hill have fascinated people for centuries. There is no commercial value for either, but sometimes amazing pieces of quartz are found nearby.

In the caves of Glass Face, many years ago, were found Indian relics and artifacts, and probably there are, someplace, others unfound that have been there for centuries. It isn't a friendly mountain and quite unpopular except for winter sledding and skiing.

County Rich in Minerals Oxford County leads the world in mineral riches. Pegmatites, crystals in all hues, beryl, amethysts, tourmaline and gold these are and all the variations that come between.

Like many small towns, Andover was sufficient unto itself. It built its own church, its school, hotels, stores, had shoe repair shops, harness shops, blacksmith shop and barbershop (in the homes) and also, last but not least, its grist mill where grain, 'fit for the Gods' were ground into the makings of nutritious meals. Barley, corn, rye and buckwheat were ground.

There was a spirit of independence of security. Each and everyone was responsible for his own.

First Church

As in the settlement of any town, the spiritual welfare became one of its first needs. Andover had a church before it had a school as did many little towns starting to develop. The Andover Congregational Church was organized in 1800, and its first pastor was John Strickland.

In 1870, the Methodist bought land for their church, and the edifice was completed in 1871. Among one of its early pastors, and held in great esteem, was Rev. G. B. Hanford.

The first Universalist Church was at South Andover, and was called the Union Church. In 1903, a new church was built at Andover and (Continued On Page 12)

Rumford

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Dr. Freeman Evans Small com- menced his practice in Rumford Center, later practiced in Rumford and just when his popularity reach- ed a great peak, and his success was assured, he moved to Port- land where he continued a success- ful profession. The town misses very much its beloved Drs. Noyes, mother and daughter, and the late Dr. Greene, and Dr. McCarthy.

It might be amusing to note the business men of the early Rum- ford days—we know about the black- smiths and the livery men, and there were the merchants, but Rumford also had cabinet makers, and cordwainers, tithing men and hog reeves. Coopers were kept busy as were the canoe builders and the raft makers before the advent of the ferries and the bridges.

THE 1850 Census
In 1850, the population was well over the 1500 mark and the families and their businesses were listed. Among the names mentioned and their businesses were the following:

Abbotts, farmers and carpenters; Abbotts, farmers, and blacksmiths; Andrews, carpenters; Abbotts, teamsters; Keyes, carpenters, and an Ackley family, farmers and lumbermen. The Adams, Allens, Arnolds boasted of inn holders, farmers and merchants. The Brist- ers were farmers, Bolsters were merchants, Bardens were inn hold- ers, James Bullock was a physici- an.

There were the Bryants, the Barkers, the Bartletts and the Beards, the Bisbees, the Blanchards and Bakers, Colbys were here, then and Isaac Cushman, the merchant, and Clements the tailor. There was a Carter family, Curtis, and Careys', who came from Scotland. The Clements lived here, Caldwell, Coburns, and the Dolloffs; the Dwinells, the Dollys, the Delanos, the Dearborns, the Elkins, Ethel- ridge, Elliotts, the Eastmans, the Eatons, the Elliotts.

A family by the name of Ford was here, and the Farnums, the Flints, and Fullers and Frosts. The Gliness were here then, as were the Goddard family, the Grahams,

Goulds, and the Glovers. The Good- wins resided here, the Howes, Halls, Hopkins, Howard and the Hemmingways. There was a family of Hinkson, the Hoyts, Hardy and Holts, also Hutchins, Jones, Jack- sons, Kimballs, the Knapps and Knights; the Kidders, the Kennis- tons, Lovejoys and the Lufkins.

There was a Long family, Henry Martins family, Elijah Morse, and James McCrillis' family; the Mor- tons, Mansurs, Morse and Moodys, the Moors, Monroe and the New- tons. There were the Putnams, Po- lands, Peabody, Parkers, Phil- bricks, and Enoch Perry's family from Massachusetts, Russells, Richardsons, Ripleys, Rawsons, Roberts, Rickers, Rolfs' Rays', Richmonds, and the Simpsons, Se- gar, Stevens, Silvers, Smalls, Smith, Stevens, Swains, and the Ty- lers, Taylors, Thompsons, Thomas, and Trumbulls. There also were the families of Peter Virgin, Nathaniel Woods, Jeremiah Wardwell, cabin- et maker; Timothy Walker, Francis Winslow, James Washburn. The Wheelers, Wyman and the Warrens. And, today's telephone directory proves that many of the families luck followed the builders, and have remained in town where their ancestors cleared the land and built their homes.

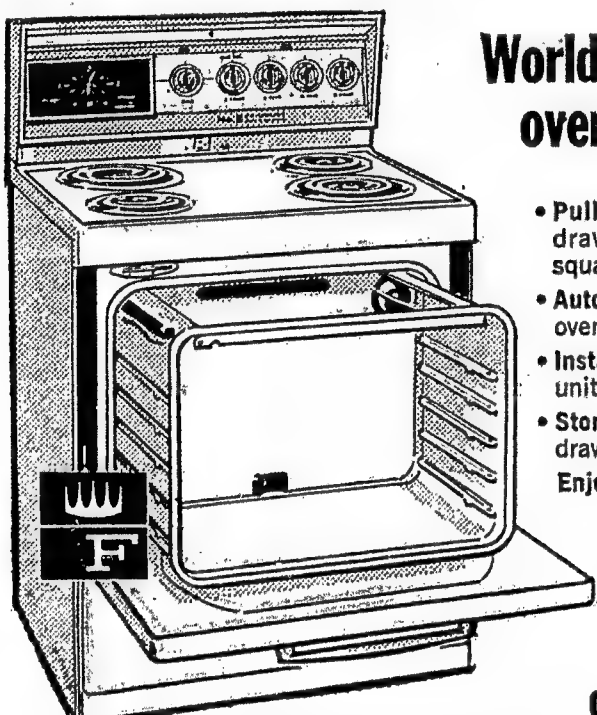
Bridges

A charter was granted to build a bridge across the Androscoggin ri- ver, at any point between the mouth of Ellis River and Kimball's Ferry in Rumford in 1819. It was to be completed in four years. Later the time was extended to five years, from January 15, 1822 to February 17, 1827. On February 14, 1833, an act was passed to take effect in April following, for the protection of the bridge, providing a fine of \$3 for crossing it faster than a walk.

On March 23, 1839, an act was passed increasing the rates of toll and at that time the rates at Beth- el, Jay and Rumford were uniform. On January 26, 1839, all the bridges on the Androscoggin river were swept away by a winter freshet and then the ferries were put back into operation and it was many years before other bridges replaced those at Rumford, Jay and Bethel.

On February 18, 1835, the Rum- ford Falls Bridge Company, was allowed five years to construct a bridge across the river at or near Rumford Falls. The bridge was started but never completed. Hard floods and freshets were constantly hampering the work.

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The first public ferry across the Androscoggin in Rumford was owned by James C. Harper and was known as Harper's ferry. It was a mile below Rumford Point, and was discontinued in 1809. Then, it was established between the Point and the Corner, and Moses Kimball, John Estes and Porter Kimball owned it, one after the other. Then a bridge was built. After the 1839 freshet which demolished the bridge, the ferry was put back into use, with Porter Kimball the owner. It went from Charles Kimball to Frank Martin, and then to Roscoe Knight. In 1811, Stephen Putnam ran a ferry at East Rumford and this was known as Putnam's ferry. Aaron Graham established a ferry at Rumford Center and in 1850 Ranollo Dolloff operated it and records show that once a John Emery Adams owned the ferry at the Center.

In lists of Rumford businesses before 1850, mention was omitted of the following, traders, hotel keepers, millmen, carriage workers, wool-carders, cloth-dressing, shoe-makers, clover millers, starch mills, chair makers, potash men, axemen, box-maker, gloves or glove-makers.

Typhoid

A typhoid epidemic raged rampant through this little quiet town in 1893, while the canal was being built and Rumford lost many local persons as well as many workers imported from outside.

The aftermath of the disease left a great impact on the town, and some of the families afflicted by a loss left town to move to a healthier climate. However, by January 5, 1893, which fell on a Thursday, the water was turned into the canal at Rumford Falls at 1 p. m.

The Chemical Association works were the first to start, and the crowd gathered to watch. At 1:40 p. m. the big wheels began to turn and the men tossed their small, rimmed dark derbies high in the air, and the ladies, in their modulated bustles, waved dainty lace-trimmed handkerchiefs and cheered.

The head-gates of the Rumford Falls Paper company and of the Rumford Falls Sulphite mill were planed and caulked, but not quite

ready to receive the water. But it was a big day for the town, for now the wheels of progress were turning a real good go-ahead sign!

And, so it was on January 5, that the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company turned on the water for domestic purposes and there was great jubilation in town. There was a temporary station on River street near the then so-called Town Bridge.

Hotel Rumford was finished that month and so was the Schenck House, and Champlin was in town from Worcester, Mass., superintending the placing of the four Fourdrinier paper machines in the paper mill.

Mr. Swain, foreman for the Power Company had seven piers built below the island, hedged with rocks, and commenced construction of a sorting gap in the river below the Center.

Brickwork was commenced in the pulp rooms of the paper mill and the foundations pushed along on the Sulphite Mill. And by March 1, work was progressing on the building of the passenger station, the builder, a Mr. Willis. Foot passengers could cross a false bridge by January 26 although it was only planked, with the iron flooring still to be put on.

In 1893, the Central Drugstore opened its doors for business, and Waldo Pettengill and George Bisbee headed a group to organize a Loan and Building Association in town.

Practicing medicine in Rumford was Dr. E. Cameron, and H. S. Brown, physicians and surgeons, and Dr. M. L. Bonney, dentist, and F. H. Houghton, M. D.

Maine's New City

At this time Rumford was being called, "Maine's New City" and Rumford held it's head proud. There were many shrewd business men, who were farsighted to see that nothing could stop this growing city and men of great wealth started building.

There was no railroad yet in town, but with the station being built there was no doubt that the trains would run in town, soon.

In 1893, there were 100 good, substantial homes, including the largest paper mill in the world, Chemical works, hotel, boarding houses, stores, and residences, one home worth \$10,000.

There was a saw mill, doing a landslide business with so many new homes and bridges being built; the water works were new but efficiently taking care of its own, and sewerage and electric lights were being discussed by Rumford's 1005 inhabitants. (It is assumed that the epidemics and dissatisfaction was the cause of the drop of the population since the 1850 census).

A bridge was spanning the Androscoggin, where the Morse bridge is now, and in town, almost overnight there was a "fine passenger station near the heart of town and a woolen mill was being proposed.

On March 9, 1893, the chimney of the Rumford Falls Paper Company was completed and it towered 105 feet. It was a real landmark for tourists.

Congress Street

In 1892, there were three buildings on Congress Street and in 1893 there were ten. And Stryker built the Highway Bridge over the Androscoggin at the cost of \$16,000. It was 180 feet long and it was 25 feet over the low water mark; the first riveted bridge in town.

The same year, the sewerage project was started and in 1893 all homes were piped for water and sewerage.

This was a great year for patent medicines, pianos and organs and the Dixfield Music Hall was holding big acts such as "Billie Burke's Comedians," with a brilliant Brass Band and with free band concerts daily.

The ladies were wearing large spring mantles with huge overblowing sleeves and green was the color for the winter season.

River Drivers

That spring there were 21 river drivers who stopped in town to eat and rest and they went to King's Restaurant on Canal Street. They were so pleased with their dinner

that when they returned to Berlin Falls, they spread the word and more often than not King's became the place where the river-drivers met and regaled themselves after a hard drive, or while still on it.

First Electricity

This was also the year that the Rumford Falls High School building was proposed, and the town was lighted by electricity for the first time on Monday, June 19, 1893. There were two are lights on the highway bridge and three street lights on Congress Street. It was agreed that the town was truly civilized and Maine's newest city was a real metropolis and had Count Rumford happened into town, he certainly would have scampered up Falls Hills with his coat-tails a-flapping at the sight of the brilliance about the town that bore his name. The first night, the lights were on for three and a half hours.

Fourth of July

On the Fourth of July the paper Company contributed \$25 for fireworks, but the next year, the fireworks were discouraged because of the loose shavings all over the town. With so many buildings going up, they contributed a real hazard.

White and Parlin were building a stable for John Stevens on the West Side of the River and the Rumford Falls Paper Company made its first paper on July 13. James Fjeld and Calhoun opened a furniture

store, with heating equipment for sale as well, on Congress Street with a Mr. Bartlett engaged in repairing of watches.

Gold

Swift River gold was discovered and some men set up a business commercial miners, and hundreds of dollars were taken from the river, from 1893 to 1900. By spruce gum became famous and the town has since recognized Gum Corner.

A Mr. Norcross, a pioneer miner on Swift River, took a small fortune from the river and became the envy of all who tried their hand at business.

A summer term of school was opened with 50 pupils attending. The teacher, Miss Mina Page Lewiston.

Liquor seizures were frequent affairs. September 28, 1893, the Andover Fair was opened and quite number of people attended.

Bears were really troublesome causing some hundreds of dollars of damage to sheepmen and cattlemen and a man named S. M. Lock claimed he had just killed his 31 bear and vowed to keep going until he had rid the land of all bears.

1893

Just about 30 years later, Rumford had assumed all the assets required for a successful town. The Oxford Mill was running full time.

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ing the best paper available in United States and Rumford was discovered. The town's stores and businesses, two of the Majestic and the Opera House.

1922, at the Majestic Theatre, the month of January, Drake and the theatre was jammed with vaudeville lovers. This show of two weeks and at the Opera House, Harry Carey was started in a movie that filled the house to SR.

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The cloud was this, 'The superior Chevrolet' was advertised to sell at only \$615, delivered and nothing to buy but the license!'

The financial report for the year showed that the town was really on a great progressive state, and booming. The town farm was run at a profit of \$462.36. E. K. Day Co., was offering fine gingham at \$15 a yard and aviation was just beginning to make an appearance, for a report was printed that an airplane, possibly a two passenger plane, was seen circling over the town.

'Trade At Home' was the trademark and Rudolph Valentino was a smash hit in 'The Sheik' which left all the ladies in a swoon and the men wondering what grease 'The Sheik' slicked down his hair with. This was the year that the Oxford Paper Company took over the

Rumford Falls Power Company, the date March 4, 1922.

A woman ran for office for the first time in town and, Mrs. Herbert Lyons caused quite a stir in the town by defeating her opponent, Freland B. Martin in the election for the town treasurer, a position he had held for 32 years.

The Continental Mill put out 55 million bags weekly and the men were earning seven to ten dollars a week and the ladies who sorted the bags earned four dollars. A man's haircut was twenty-five cents and the ladies could purchase a lace-trimmed corset-cover for ten cents.

1924 This was the year of Rumford's worst flood. All those who remember this year know well the devastation that followed.

Nothing had ever touched the town as deeply as this flood with the exception of the Waldo Street Fire about ten years previous. The fire had swept on both sides of Waldo Street and even now there are a few vacancies where huge blocks were once, including the Majestic Theatre.

But, the flood hit all over. In the Virginia section, the water rose to the highest point ever, with Demers' Barber Shop near the Busy Bee reporting the water level almost up to the ceiling. The water covered the bridge, it also covered the highest part of the bridge between Rumford and Mexico. The flood waters washed out almost all of the bridges on the Androscoggin that year. Homes went downriver, backhouses were spotted floating on their sides, pianos dunked up and down in the frigid waters. Chickens and cows went swimming, too, and occasionally a dog or a cat was seen riding a rooftop.

Fires Fires hurt the town in the next decade. The Falls View Hotel Rumford burnt during the Christmas

Holidays in the early 1940's; the Rumford Falls Times building, Prospect Avenue, housing the presses burnt, and the Rumford Furniture Store and Freddie's Lunch also burnt, all causing great losses to the town.

Much construction followed these fires and most buildings have been rebuilt. Bridges are bigger and better and the homes that are being built are as modern as can be.

Today 1962 Rumford's population stands today a little over 10,000. Before World War II the population was higher, over the 12,000 mark. However, many were lost in the service of the country and some families moved out during the days of the war's aftermath.

Before the depression of the thirties, the population was higher, but it started dropping with the mill layoffs, and the leaving of the bag mill.

The town boasts of a hospital with 67 beds, which will be almost doubled with the building of the new wing, now in progress.

The Rumford Community Hospital serves a great part of Oxford County with patients from Bethel, Andover, Frye, and even Canton, not an infrequent occurrence.

There are at the present time five elementary schools, Bisbee, Pettengill, Chisholm, Rumford Point's Kimball School, and the new Virginia school that have almost 1000 pupils. The Junior High School, with the new wing houses well over 600 pupils today, and the Stephens High School has approximately 50 students.

The town is proud of the two parochial schools, St. John's and St. Athanasius, which have a combined 1060 pupils.

The Strand Theatre seats 800 patrons and the Rumford Drive-In has a 400 car capacity.

New Department In 1961, a new Department of Engineering and Inspection was established. A Planning Report, Phase II Comprehensive Plan was completed and accepted by the Planning Board. A preliminary report for Sewerage and Sewer Treatment Facilities was completed with Federal and State funds. A comprehensive Town Insurance Program was adopted by the Board of Selectmen. A re-investment of Cemetery Trust Funds was adopted to increase the yield of invested

funds. A two-way radio communications system was purchased for the Civil Defense and Highway departments. A new firetruck was purchased for the Fire Department. A new bridge was constructed to replace the 'Old Iron Bridge' at North Rumford - and the new name, 'Howe Bridge' is to honor John R. Howe the oldest native-born citizen of Rumford. Holder of the Boston Post Cane.

John Howe was born February 8, 1864, at Rumford. His great-grandfather to Rumford from Marlboro, Mass., in 1800, the year the town was incorporated, and built a homestead in North Rumford, where John R. resides today. He served as Supervisor of Schools for the town of Rumford from 1892 to 1894 inclusive, and as a member of the School committee from 1895 to 1898. He is now 98 years of age. The bridge was named the John Howe Bridge by the 100th State of Maine Legislature.

A new fire protection dam was constructed in Smith Crossing and a portion of Somerset Street and the road to the Oxford East Gate were reconstructed.

Lincoln Avenue has been reconstructed and a new avenue has been built beyond that where a few years ago, there was nothing but woods. The mountains have been tamed, and where forests once protected the settlers and gave them a living and the lumber for their homes, now, spread in a great panorama, is a town built on hillsides, with the Cross on the top of the St. John the Baptist Church overlooking all.

Rumford has blossomed forth as a great ski area, with the new Chisholm Ski Club, with much town help, building a ski area to make the town proud and bring in winter tourists as well as summer tourists.

Five hundred and sixty two babies were born in 1961 in town, with 228 of them born to Rumford citizens and the other 326 to residents of nearby town. One hundred and eighty four deaths were recorded, 134 died in Rumford, and 66 of those were Rumford people. Eighty-six marriages were performed in the area, with 61 performed in Rumford.

Permits were issued for twenty-six new homes, at an estimated cost of \$365,300. And the total (Continued On Page 10)

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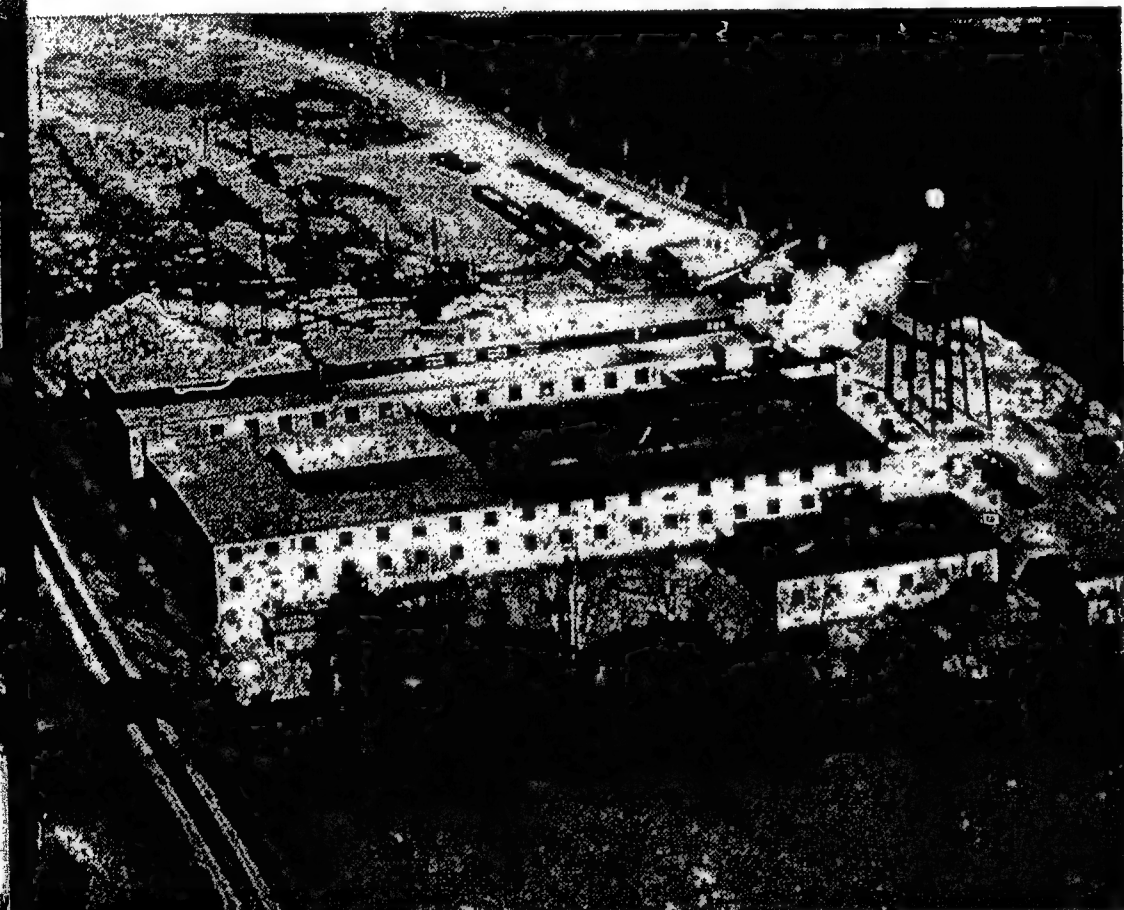
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construction, including homes as well as industrial for the year was over \$524,720. With 145 permits involved. One hundred and sixty-one electrical wiring permits were issued during 1961 where in 1960 ninety-three were issued.

There is a new two-way radio tower and base station building and six mobile radios, two remote units and a base station which is located in a cement block building in the Virginia area. The mobile units are in five highway department vehicles, and the sixth has been installed in the Civil Defense Director's vehicle. One remote unit is located in the Town Manager's office and one in the Municipal Garage. Although these units were purchased by the Local Civil Defense Department, they are used daily by highway department crews and have proven helpful during daily operations.

Rumford has a swimming program, a playground, and arts and craft program, the baseball pro-

gram, the tennis program and the skating program. The town supports three skating rinks.

This year, 1962 the Park Commission is considering a Small Tot Park with a Wading Pool for youngsters from 4-8; the Mechanics Institute does a fine job in entertaining youngsters of all ages.

Fire Dept.

The Rumford Fire Department is bigger and better than ever before with four triple combination pumps with four triple combination pumps, one new LaFrance aerial ladder truck with 200 feet of ground ladders, a pickup truck, the Chief's car, two portable pumps, 12,000 feet of 2½ inch hose, and 3,500 of 1½ inch fire hose, a portable station pump, an aluminum boat and cars, 750 Gallon truck, one portable pump, 1,200 feet of 1½ inch fire hose. The Rumford Point Fire station has a 500 gallon tank truck, a portable pump and 1,500 feet of 1½ inch fire hose, all of which have performed well and been commended for fine work during the past years.

Over 3,122 adults and children use the facilities offered by the Rumford Library, with many children enjoying the music and story hour held during the summer months.

This year, 1962, saw the streets of Rumford beautifully decorated for the Holiday season, with everyone working hard to make their stores and business houses prettier than ever. Homes were decorated, heralding that famous phrase, "Let there be Light!"

Rumford misses some of the traditional fund that was once known, such as the band concerts in the park, all through the summer, every Thursday night; the Community Band and the Orchestra which held concerts at the town hall, but there are rewarding days, like on Labor Day, and the Fourth of July, with its fireworks, always a big day in Rumford, and the jolly Christmas season.

Rumford has many churches and its citizens are proud that this town is a religious town as is proved by the following churches and their congregations, St. John's and St. Athanasius, the two Catholic Churches, which support two schools, two rectories and two convents; The Rumford Universalists Church, the Franklin Street Methodist Church, The Virgin Memorial Chapel, Methodist; The Rumford Center Methodist Church, the Rumford Point Congregational church, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, and there is the Temple.

Rumford has many merchants tending the needs of the population.

It takes a lot of little businesses and stores and services to keep a town progressive and Rumford boasts the best.

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Our Value

Oxford County forms most of western boundary of State with New Hampshire. Bounded by York and Cumberland Counties on south, Androscoggin and Franklin Counties on east, and Province of Quebec on north. Farming, lumbering, manufacturing and the vacation-travel business are principal activities. Pop. inc, 1950-60, 0.3 per cent.

TRANSPORTATION: Maine Central R.R., branch line terminus at Rumford; Mountain Division station at Fryeburg. Trunk highways: U.S. Route 2 from New Hampshire; State Routes 5, 17, 26, 35, 108, 117, 118, 120, 140, 219.

PHYSICAL FEATURES: Upland to Mountain Region. Intervales and broad valleys extending into forested, mountainous terrain. Northern area of county consists of headwaters of Androscoggin River, with largest Rangeley Lakes Chain, Mooselookmeguntic, Parmachenee, Aziscoos, Richardson and Umbagog Lakes. Androscoggin River flows west-east through center of county, with greatest natural waterpower site in New England at Rumford. Southern section of county is general farming, manufacturing, lumbering area, with vacation-travel developments. Principal rivers: Soco, Androscoggin, Swift, Little Androscoggin, Nezinscot. More than 301 named mountains and hills in foothills area of White Mountains foothills area.

HOUSING UNITS: 1960, 16,480.

COMMUNITY FEATURES: Rumford-Mexico is largest community area, serving more than 20,000 population. Site of Oxford Paper Company, one of State's largest; also commercial banking, shopping and service trade center. Norway-South Paris area, in southern section of county, is second largest industrial, commercial and service trade area, serving population area of more than 10,000. Its products include wood products, shoes and moccasins, while nearby mines produce mica, feldspar, quartz and semi-precious stones. Bethel is a large township west of Rumford with farming, sawmills, wood products and the vacation-travel business as principal activities.

In the southwest section of the county, Fryeburg is the largest community and oldest town in the county. It is a transportation center, with several small industries, stores and service trade facilities. Kezar Falls, Dixfield, Woodstock, and Andover also have small industries, with farming, lumbering on the vacation-travel business as other prime activities. Nearly all other Oxford County towns are predominantly agricultural, with lumbering, youth camps and vacation resorts as major activities.

RECREATION: Fishing, swimming, boating on all lakes and ponds. Skiing, hiking and mountain climbing, with many marked trails to rugged mountain peaks, Golf courses at Bethel, Norway, Canton, Lovell, Paris Hill and Rumford. Fair grounds at Andover, Fryeburg, South Paris, White Mountain Forest south of Gilead in several townships.

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the services were held there during the summer months.

Schools

Schools were next on the lists of needs, for up to now all the educating had been done in the homes. There is no record of the sites of the first schools. Later, Mr. Bodwell sold a bit of land in the village, and there the school was built and Andover's formal education system began. Later, the town was divided into school districts and each district was held responsible for their particular school, until, of course, many years later when a general superintendent took over.

District No. 2 was at South Andover, District No. 3 was at East Andover, and No. 4 at North Andover.

There was another school at the Andover Surplus, which was called a plantation. The first High School accommodated high school students and all grades above the 6th. Later a High School was established and the first class graduated in 1899. At the present time, the High School has one hundred students and ten teachers.

Had we lived in the early days of the town, we would have had nothing but praise for our mail system! A little imagination, and we see the first mail carriers on horseback, and it came by devious ways; Then, the mail came to Andover, via the Grand Trunk Railway, and a stagecoach brought it to South

Andover and then to Andover. How well many of the older citizens remember that stage coach!

There was a change of horses at Rumford Corner. Much of the time, four horses were used, and the rumble of the stage coach could be heard a long way off on the rutted road! Sometimes the stage had passengers—people who were seeing a town just beginning to develop for the first time, coming from Boston, New York or maybe just from Portland! Coming to visit in their fine clothes—a contrast from the coarse hand woven clothing of the early settlers.

The children used to wait to hear the rumble of the wheels, and the arriving of the coach, once a week, or, sometimes once every two weeks, with a real event! Later, the mail came from Rumford.

Eventually, postoffices were established at Andover and South Andover; the mail being brought from East Andover and later, an office was established at East Andover.

Saturday To The Lakes

Andover was the Gateway to the Rangeley Lakes and consequently at one time Andover boasted two large hotels, and several smaller ones. First the Thomas Hotel was built, then, French's Hotel (the present postmaster's grandfather owned French's Hotel). These two hotels accommodated most of the Lake trade and served many guests of note, in a most gracious manner. Think, if you will, of a full course meal served for seventy-five cents! A horse and wagon was always available at a moment's notice for the convenience of its guests. Courtesy and real friendliness was the keynote in those days. There were the later hostilities, including the Milton Hotel, the Greg House and the Homestead, where a large number of guests were accommodated.

The Library

The Andover Library deserves fine coverage, also. Its birth was in the hearts and the homes of its citizens. Everyone found a book worthy to donate for the great cause and it was first called the Andover Social Library. This was in 1820, it became known as the Andover Public Library and was located in the Andover Town Hall, where able librarians cared for the books. After the Universalist Church ceased to hold services, this church was decided to the Andover Public Library where now, shelves hold a most desirable supply of books. It is cared for by Mrs. Margaret Learned.

Covered Bridges

Three covered bridges have been an attraction for Andover, but today only one remains, the one at South Andover, called the Lovejoy Bridge. Only recently, the bridge has had some remodeling and is in good repair.

Great Progress

From a handful of settlers who established a settlement in 1786 to today has seen a remarkable progress. In 1790, there were 22 persons in Andover, today, Andover boasts over 1,000, somewhat spurred on by the erection of Telstar, last year, which has indeed placed Andover on the Map.

Visitors to Telstar have stopped by the hundreds to watch and listen to the clock on the old town hall ring away the hours and the half-hours, a rare sight indeed, today.

(Mrs. Elliott, well known, for her poetry and verses, a former school-teacher, and a woman of letters, has managed to convey in a few chosen lines, her love for her home town in the following verse.)

A little town, nestled among the hills,

In pioneer spirit, born. Settled by men of foresight Who treasured each dawning morn!

Settled by men of wisdom With purpose to build anew Establishing good lives for their families.

From all this — Andover grew. There was peace within the valley.

In this little gracious town, That now has special honors Indeed has world renown!

Here, a spot was sought for 'Science'. Here, the Telstar came to be. And, from far and near they gather,

All this wonder, each to see! But the Spirit of its birthright Still remains! And, Pray it may, For, bereft of honest effort— Dark indeed, would be the way!

The Indians called the valley Andover "Happy Valley" and star has really made Andover pier as Telstar pays a huge payment to the little village, Valley today is a far cry from day when Happy Valley was and so hard to reach.

First Potato Crop

There is a tale about the potato crop that bears repeat here.

As we ascertained, Capt. E. Merrill was Andover's first and Molly Ockett's acquaintance with the people of Andover, with the Captain's family.

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Merrill family endured all hardships of any pioneering. They went hungry without, and they were cold, in the without actually freezing. The fortitude to bear all the times that came their way. simple, - If there was a to pull out-it was pulled. It take four hours or four days, eventually, that stump was up. Whatever had to be done

Merrill lived for three years wilderness that was Andover. she saw the face of another woman and during a part of three years, Molly Ockett was

her companion.

The first real calamity of their stay was the first year they were settled there, when the good Captain had gone to get his seed potatoes. The river was then the only means of hauling supplies and Ellis River was as navigable as any river, except in times of high water.

It was a real nice day when Merrill started down river on his raft he had made to haul his seed potatoes. He made good time down river, picked up his seed potatoes at the Point, and started back up river.

Almost like a nightmare, the river suddenly became a maelstrom of rushing, swollen waters, evident-

ly from fast melting snows up river. It was a freshet, no doubt, but the Captain, on the raft, headed upstream, only paddled harder hoping to make home and safety by nightfall.

A whirlpool by the rapids suddenly caught the raft, and tossed it about like a toy. The Captain made a flying leap and managed to scramble up the bank with not much more than a slight wetting but, his precious cargo, his seed potatoes, all that kept him from starvation through the coming winter, went to a watery grave!

The Captain went home and told his family what had happened and his two sons, appalled the great loss, set their wits to working and went to work and built another raft and learning of the exact location headed down the river as soon as the water had subsided somewhat. At the rapids, where the day before water had been frothing and seething angrily over the rocks, the clear waters now gently slipped quietly, murmuringly over the rocks, clear as a mirror, revealing the potatoes scattered on the river bed below. Moses and Roger were jubilant!

The overhanging branches of the trees threw shadows of light and darkness over the waters, mirroring the reflections of the two boys. But, they were not interested in the beauty surrounding them. They set about cutting up two long stout poles, sharpened the tips, two-lined, and laboriously set about the tedious job of retrieving potatoes, one by one, and with luck sometimes two at a time. Persistence and perseverance paid off, and happy within their hearts that they had managed to save off a winter famine, they poled slowly and carefully up the stream.

This is an authentic story of the first potato crop in Andover.

Bear Story

Roger Merrill, one of those boys mentioned above, once went on a bear hunting expedition with Metallak.

Metallak, for those who don't happen to know, was an Indian who lived most of his life in and around this area, especially around Umbagog, and Andover. He lived to be 120 years of age. He and Molly Ockett knew each other and often met while each leading a separate life among the whites.

Roger Merrill was just fifteen years of age when he went on a hunting trip with Metallak on Farmers Hill. Facing White Cap and Horse Shoe Pond, Metallak's dog began to bark furiously, evidence that some game was ahead, and both started on a run in the direction of the barking, Metallak leading. As he came up to the dog, a huge bear sprang out from beneath a fallen spruce tree and jumping furiously, threw him to the ground. The dog, well-trained in such matters, seized the bear from behind, while the bear, in trying to get rid of the dog, threw himself backwards. Before the bear could reach him, Roger, gun in hand, killed him with a well-aimed shot.

They went home for a hand-sled and brought the bear into town, one of the largest ever shot, and the meat supplied the families in town for a long time. Roger never got a scratch, but Metallak had a few claw marks.

Susan Merrill, the eldest of the family, was brought into the world by Molly Ockett, who nursed Mrs. Merrill. For three years, these three ladies were the only women in the village. Susan, for being the first child born to white parents in Andover, was entitled to one hundred acres of land, which was given to her father. She married Nathan Adams, and she moved to a farm near the Hanover line. One of her sons, John Merrill Adams, was ed-

itor and proprietor of the Portland Eastern Argus for forty years.

This then were the folks that first settled in Andover and their descendants are proud of their forebears, as they are proud of their

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Tales Of Indians And Gold In Roxbury

ROXBURY — This pleasant little village was incorporated in Oxford County on March 17, 1835, and to hear the laughter and sounds of joy and merriment on the local skating pond in the winter, is to know that this is a happy village. One of the very earliest settlers in Roxbury must have been Samuel Arnold and his wife, Mary. They had nine children, one, Sheriba, who was born in Roxbury in November, 1837, two years after Roxbury was incorporated. She died Feb. 27, 1858, at a tender age. Very little is known about the family except that they were one of the first families in town. The other children of Sam and Mary were Samuel B., born May 22, 1839; Elizabeth M., born Dec. 27, 1841; Eunice R., born March 10, 1843; Charlotte C., born Jan. 26, 1845; Joseph A., born in Rumford Aug. 10, 1846; Martha M., born Aug. 16, 1848; Clara A., born Dec. 3, 1852, who died the following October; and Edith V., who was born in Feb. 1854, and died the same October. Joseph Arnold married a lady named Georgianna, and they had one child, Willard Samuel, who was

born Dec. 26, 1878. Their descendants are still living in the Roxbury area.

Another old settler was Benjamin Lufkin, who was born in Ipswich, Mass., April 8, 1763 and married Mehitable, daughter of Edward and Deborah (Stevens) Abbot of Concord, N. H. He came, while quite young to Rumford, then moved to Roxbury, dying there in November, 1844. They had eleven children, Joseph, born Aug. 19, 1786, who became a minister and married Loruhamah, S. Kimball; Samuel, born Aug. 15, 1788, married Pamela Segar; Jacob, born Elliott, John, born Dec. 16, 1792, married in 1819 to Phebe Kimball; Aaron, born May 26, 1795, married Lucy Brown. Esther, born June 4, 1797, married Bernard Carier Stevens of Grafton, N. H.; Moses, born Feb. 12, 1800, he became a minister, married Hannah Virgin in 1827. Benjamin Jr., also became a minister, he was born April 12, 1802, married Elizabeth Thornton; Mary who was born July 2, 1804, died in infancy, Oct. 10, 1812. David, born Feb. 17, 1807 and died very young on Jan. 16, 1832. Then, Hannah, born Nov. 19, 1809 and married Jesse Marchand.

They were early comers in Roxbury and probably settled the land, coming there when there was only wilderness, probably carrying their belongings by handcart, if they were not fortunate enough to own a horse, and very few settlers had one.

Fred A. Porter, son of William V. and Eliza M. G. (Taylor) Porter, was born in Roxbury, Maine, Dec. 30, 1850. He farmed and was a scaler in Rumford.

William V. Porter, blacksmith, was the son of Francis Porter, who was born in Thompson, Conn., Sept. 21, 1780. He came to Roxbury about 1803, married Nancy, daughter of Ebenezer Virgin of Concord, N.H., and Rumford, who was born Feb. 1, 1792 and who died March 15, 1858. Fred A. Porter married Mary Eliza, daughter of Nahum and Mary Green, April 22, 1877. Their two children were Fred Augustine, born Aug. 21, 1879 and Charles Nahum, born Feb. 19, 1882.

Francis came to Roxbury when the trees had to be felled before a home could be built, and, it is believed that his first temporary home was a one-room log cabin, soon replaced with a two-room cabin, then, later torn down, and replaced with a large frame house. He had to clear the stumps out of the fields to plow a garden, and the rocks had to be rolled aside, later used to build a stone fence.

Albert W. Robbins, was a well-known farmer in Roxbury, being born here Dec. 21, 1861, son of Charles H. and Elsie M. (Taylor) Robbins. Charles H. was a native of Union, went into business in Atlanta, Ga., and in 1860 he settled in Roxbury. He was only 39 when he died. In 1862, he joined the army and he was discharged July 15, 1863.

He married Elsie, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah, (Jenkins) Taylor, who were residents of Roxbury.

Simeon Taylor, her grandfather, was a native of Concord, N. H., and he came to Oxford County in 1910. He was in Belfast when his son, Nathaniel was born, but they came on to Roxbury. Nathaniel married Sarah, a native of Byron.

The subject of this sketch, Albert W. Robbins, resided with his grandfather until he was of age, acquiring his education in common and high school in Dixfield. He bought a good farm on Swift River where he lived till his demise. He married Miss Effie M. Worthley, in 1884 and their three children were named Ada E., Albert L., and Marcella S.

There were of course, others who

came and settled in early times, but these are the ones who were brought to the attention of this writer. They were some that came earlier, but their histories are obscure. However, there are the forefathers of this fair little village, and their descendants live on, farming the same land, caring for the old homestead.

Mines And Rockhounds

Roxbury, of late, has been more than hounded by the ones who follow the contours of the hills, looking for that hard-to-find mineral, jewel or just a pretty rock!

In the Roxbury Township there is much placer mining for gold, and it is the richest, purest, gold! One wonders if anyone has ever found the lode! There is a rumor, that is very hush, hush, that it has been found.

The Binford Prospect, owned by Victor Binford, is finding muscovite, and on Peak it is reported that scheelite, (tungsten) has been found. Small pinpoint grains of silicate quartzite are on the west side of the peak.

As the hounds keep at it they'll find more, no doubt where there's a rock, there's a mine!

Metallak seems to crop up everywhere in the history of Roxbury is no exception.

One of Metallak's favorites to the Lakes was through the "Lakes" of Roxbury, by way of Swift River Valley, and he stopped at the house of Reed in Roxbury. He so

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Tales of Indians

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had a meal with them and often spent the night in front of the fire, sleeping on the hard-packed earth floor on skins.

This one time, Mr. Reed passed Metallak some cheese to eat and the Indian didn't like cheese at all. Twice, Reed passed the cheese and twice the Indian refused to take any. Mr. Reed, thereupon took it upon himself to put a big portion on Metallak's plate. Metallak was sort of put out, but wouldn't eat it. When Metallak thought that no one was watching, he took the cheese and held it behind his chair for one of his dogs to take. The dog sniffed it once or twice, went back to his corner, not liking the aroma any more than his master did. Then Metallak put the cheeses on the table besides his plate and did not touch it again.

Reed never tired of telling the story to all who happened by. Metallak knew of the gold in the river, and he told Molly Ockett where the vein was that led to the main lode. She offered to tell any-

Peru Is Community Proud Of Its History, With Thriving Industries

It might be too much for the citizens of these two villages to see this heading, the two communities almost as one, but each will be treated individually, although the history of both villages are similar and even the names of the settlers are all of the same families, almost.

one who would give her \$20. The offer was not taken and the secret died with the passing of the two Indians. It is also said that the lode would never be found because of a curse put on the place by Molly Ockett, who was quite famous for her curses.

These are the legends that grow around a little town and these are the people that started a town. We are grateful for their courage and their patience, and hope to find within us some of the stuff the first settlers were made of.

These are growing communities, with each and every resident proud of their accomplishments and eager to do everything to help the towns to progress.

The present population is 1229 and includes Peru and West Peru. These villages have enjoyed successful beginnings in lumbering and farming as their first businesses.

Peru was incorporated on February 5, 1821 and the original name was Partridge town. In those days, there was an abundance of birds in the woods and even today the bird hunting is very fine.

Early Days

In 1810, the town had a population of 92 and in 1820 had soared to 343. The mail came in from Dixfield by horseback riders until the four-horse coach was utilized to bring the mail from Dixfield. The Peru Post office was established in 1833, with Hezekiah Walker as the first postmaster.

Rufus Virgin was one of the first settlers in this area.

Where the post-office is in Peru, there was a hat shop once upon a time, and where the Grange hall now stands, there was once a store. There was also a blacksmith shop on the corner, but what corner is not indicated in the history available at this time.

There is a fine tale about Rufus Virgin that is recorded and always good reading. He was a millwright, and at one time he had a job to erect a mill in Peru, about two miles from his home by way of a mountain, and three to travel around it. He had a hired man who claimed that the longest way around was the best, and repeated this statement so often and so very persistently that they agreed to settle it by each taking his preferred way and see which would reach the end of the trip first.

They started out at the same

time, and neither was to run, but they were to be honest and proceed by their ordinary walking gait!

When Virgin reached the top of the mountain, he had a good view of the beautiful valley and the river way below, and there he saw his man running at the top of his speed!

Virgin at once put out and by running managed to reach the goal several minutes ahead, long enough to get his wind back. After a while the other came in puffing and blowing, and was surprised to see Virgin quietly at work and showing no signs of extra effort. He immediately accused him of running; but when the countercharge was made and he found he was trapped, he subsided and after that found no fault with the trail over the mountain.

Early Residents

Joseph E. Conant, was a prosperous and respected farmer in Peru. He was born October 13, 1847, the son of Daniel L. and Mary A. French Conant. Joseph's paternal grandfather, Joseph Conant, came to Peru when the town had only a handful of settlers and cleared a farm, using only oxen and a strong pair of hands.

Joseph E. Conant attended schools in Peru and then decided to teach. But the calling of the land was strong within him and he went to farming.

He farmed the homestead which then consisted of 217 acres. He once was the proud owner of 11 high-grade Jersey cows which were a credit to him and with these he carried on an extremely profitable dairy business.

He was married to Miss Emma J. Shea, June 18, 1871, who came from Bath. Her father, Nathan Shea, was a sea-faring man once, but later settled to farming. Their children were George H., born January 13, 1874; Daniel H., January 26, 1879, and Daisy M., born July 30, 1890. There were seven others who died previously and their names are not mentioned.

F. O. Walker

Fred O. Walker was a prosperous hardware merchant of Rumford Falls, but he was born in West Peru, June 6, 1863, son of W. S. and Hattie L. Tucker Walker. His parents were natives of Peru and his proud father had been in the mercantile business in West Peru for over 30 years.

Fred O. began his education in the common schools and then attended and graduated from Bridgton Academy. When he became 21 years of age, he engaged in trade with his father and after eight years he sold his interest to his father.

Then he became an agent for the Portland and Rumford Falls Railroad company, which position he held for a year. He had lost no time erecting a fine three story building in Rumford Falls, and he, in 1893, established himself in business, being the sixth merchant to embark in trade in the new and fast rising town of Rumford Falls. He carried a full line of hardware, tinware and kindred articles, and did a flourishing business.

June 6, 1884, Mr. Walker married Sadie Hall of Peru and they became the parents of a daughter, Lela C. He served at town treasurer for many years and he was connected with Blazing Star Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Metallus Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and was a charter member of Pennacook Lodge, No. 130, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was First Noble Grand. He was a highly respected citizen.

We could wish there was space to name a few more famous men who made their start in these two communities, but, at the present time, which is more important, the descendants of this man and others remained in this sleepy little valley and built a town that is forever growing. More people are

moving in all the time, enjoying the quietness of the valley and the placid flow of the river.

Ezra Hunt operates a sawmill and he hires quite a few workers. There are four grocery stores in town, Ralph Calden's, Ralph Kidder's, both in West Peru, Ralph Hazellon's in East Peru, and Baker's in Peru.

Diamond National, with mailing address in Dixfield, pays taxes to Peru.

In 1921, the first World War interfered with plans for a Centennial but plans are being made for a big time in 1971, in honor of the one hundred and fifty years of incorporation.

Byron's Tractor company services tractors and parts throughout the area, including Rumford. Walter Errington, has a radio and television repair shop that does a thriving business today.

East Peru, West Peru and Peru as a whole are growing and thriving, yet it is going to take a lot of both to ruffle the pleasant countenance of these quiet little villages, who are content to remain just that, quiet on the surface, while growing perceptively just the same.

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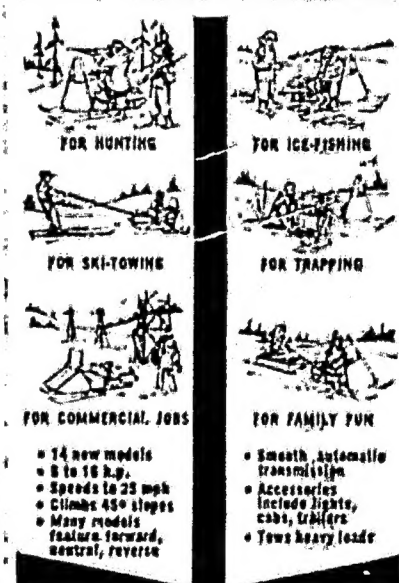
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Jerry Freeman spent the week end in town.

Wallace Saunders, a gical patient at the Center in Portland.

Linda Buck, Chleaf and Susan among those coming mumps.

The MEC will evening, Feb. 1. Ruth Dorion, for a per and game pa-

Peter Kailey, s Mrs. Paul Kailey broken leg on T doing some sk-

Mr. and Mrs. and Keith Jr. of were week end and Mrs. Loton R.

Mr. and Mrs. C 3d and daughter week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Al

Franklin S. Ch ed home Saturday Maine Hospital where he had b patient.

Wesley Wheel Minnie Richards day to spend tw Mr. and Mrs. J South Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. der will attend Independent Te panies at Easter North Corwa through Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. of West Roxbur in Bethel Friday day, visiting Ra W. H. Young. M is continuing h few days.

The Misses He dent at Univer Hampshire, Jan Vermont Junior Martha Gayton, were week end home of Dr. a Young. The girls students at Gou

Dr. Robert S. former Headma E. F. Ireland o emy, is one of tw who left on Jan al two month England and N participate in seminars sched countries. Dr. I intend of s cord, Mass.

The Portland ing of the WSO lations Commi Thursday at the in South Portl tending from B Ranald Stevens Abbott, Mrs. R Mrs. Leslie Lap meeting they Lettie Hall who winter with M ert Parker in So

Tami Dee C of Mr. and Mrs. celebrated her Sunday. Twen and relatives v the occasion. from Bethel: E Esther Harrin ald Brown and enda Kingsbu Kelly Jacques, well and Bre from Phillips grandmother, g er, aunts, uncl

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Several boys at a Pine Tree Scouts meeting cently. Eagle b arded to Doug Alan Hawthor and a silver Norris.

The home of Canton, was d early Sunday three Legere cl home of the Mrs. Charles No clothing o nishings were Mr. and Mrs sey of Peru ce anniversary of They were ma 1908, in Peru.